

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

SB 768 — Referral of Patients by Health Care Providers

by Senator Martin

The bill amends s. 456.053, F.S., relating to an exemption from a prohibition against patient referrals for health care services when a referring provider has an investment or other financial interest in the entity providing the referred services, such as a group practice. The bill removes the requirement for the services to be provided under direct supervision and instead requires the supervision level to comply with all applicable Medicare payment coverage rules. The bill deletes the definitions of “direct supervision” and “present in the office suite” since the bill renders those definitions unnecessary.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0