

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

CS/CS/HB 1471 — Health Care Provider Accountability

by Health and Human Services Committee; Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee; and Rep. Busatta Cabrera and others (CS/SB 1596 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Garcia)

The bill amends nursing home residents' rights to specify that a nursing home resident has the right to be free from sexual abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The bill amends s. 408.812, F.S., to create a new cause of action to pursue an injunction against unlicensed activity allegedly committed by unlicensed persons or entities providing services for which a license is required under ch. 408, F.S.

The bill amends ss. 458.328 and 459.0138, F.S., to require the Department of Health to inspect a physician's office before an office surgery registration may be issued and to immediately suspend an existing registration under certain circumstances. The bill requires physicians performing gluteal fat grafting procedures in an office surgery setting to adhere to specific standards of practice, including in-person physical examinations no later than the day before the surgery and written consent for any duties that may be delegated during the procedure, and requires that the most critical portion of the procedure must be performed by the physician of record for the gluteal fat grafting procedure using ultrasound guidance or guidance via technology of equal or greater quality than ultrasound if approved by the Board of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable.

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 115-0