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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to hospitals; amending s.
395.003, F.S.; prohibiting the licensing of
additional emergency departments located off
the premises of licensed hospitals until the
Agency for Health Care Administration adopts
rules; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 395.003, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

395.003 Licensure; issuance, renewal, denial,
modification, suspension, and revocation.--

(1)(a) A person may not establish, conduct, or
maintain a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, or mobile
surgical facility in this state without first obtaining a
license under this part.

(b)1. It is unlawful for a person to use or advertise
to the public, in any way or by any medium whatsoever, any
facility as a "hospital," "ambulatory surgical center," or
"mobile surgical facility" unless such facility has first
secured a license under the provisions of this part.

2. This part does not apply to veterinary hospitals or
to commercial business establishments using the word
"hospital," "ambulatory surgical center," or "mobile surgical
facility" as a part of a trade name if no treatment of human
beings is performed on the premises of such establishments.

3. ~~Until July 1, 2006,~~ Additional emergency
departments located off the premises of licensed hospitals may

1 not be authorized by the agency until the agency has adopted
2 rules required under s. 395.1055(9).

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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6 SENATE SUMMARY

7 Prohibits licensing of additional emergency departments
8 located off the premises of licensed hospitals until the
9 Agency for Health Care Administration adopts rules.

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