

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/HB 739, Engrossed 2 (CS/CS/SB 688)  
INTRODUCER: Health Care Council and Rep. Ambler (Senator Crist)  
SUBJECT: Guardian Advocates/Developmentally Disabled  
DATE: May 1, 2008

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 – 358051 to Senate Amendment 1 – 939538** (body)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** reinserts language similar to language that was removed by the HA in the Senate. The language that was removed by HA included a provision that required the appointment of a private attorney selected from the attorney registry compiled pursuant to s. 27.40.

The Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee was concerned that this provision would have a fiscal impact on the state by removing the ability to appoint pro bono attorneys. The committee no longer has this concern and does not oppose the amendment.

The House amendment also makes a technical change relating to the designation of a health care surrogate.