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#### 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to controlled substances; creating s. 3 408.0513, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care 4 Administration to contract with a multistate electronic 5 prescribing network to provide certain agencies with 6 access to certain controlled substance information; 7 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to 8 adopt rules and seek grants and donations; amending ss. 9 458.309 and 459.005, F.S.; revising requirements for the 10 registration of pain-management clinics; requiring the 11 Department of Health to refuse to register pain-management clinics under certain circumstances; amending ss. 458.331 12 and 459.015, F.S.; specifying additional grounds for 13 disciplinary action against practitioners licensed under 14 15 ch. 458 or ch. 459, F.S.; amending s. 465.018, F.S.; 16 requiring community pharmacy permit applicants to demonstrate the ability to participate in and transmit 17 dispensing information through a multistate electronic 18 19 prescribing network; requiring community pharmacy permittees to transmit dispensing information through such 20 21 a network for prescriptions of certain controlled 22 substances; amending s. 465.023, F.S.; specifying an 23 additional ground for disciplinary action against 24 community pharmacy permittees; amending s. 465.0276, F.S.; 25 requiring controlled substance dispensing practitioners to 26 register with the Board of Pharmacy; requiring a fee; 27 requiring the department to adopt rules for the renewal of 28 such registrations; requiring the department to request Page 1 of 20

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29 certain persons to submit statements of reference 30 concerning practitioners seeking such registrations; 31 providing for the contents of and procedures for 32 submitting such statements; limiting the civil liability of persons submitting such statements to the department 33 34 under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department 35 from registering certain practitioners; providing 36 procedures for administrative challenges to denials of 37 registrations and registration renewals; providing for 38 applicability to certain practitioners; prohibiting the 39 registration of controlled substance dispensing practitioners who do not demonstrate the ability to 40 transmit dispensing information through a multistate 41 42 electronic prescribing network; requiring such 43 practitioners to transmit dispensing information through 44 such a network for prescriptions of certain controlled substances; amending s. 499.028, F.S.; conforming a cross-45 reference; reenacting ss. 458.303, 458.311(1)(d) and (5), 46 47 458.313(6), 458.3135(2)(d), 458.3137(2)(e), 458.3145(1)(g), and 458.345(1)(b) and (2), F.S., relating 48 49 to provisions not applicable to certain practitioners, 50 licensure of physicians by examination, licensure of 51 physicians by endorsement, temporary certificates for 52 visiting physicians practicing in approved cancer centers, 53 temporary certificates for visiting physicians to obtain 54 medical privileges for instructional purposes in 55 conjunction with certain plastic surgery training programs 56 and educational symposiums, medical faculty certificates, Page 2 of 20

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57 and registration of resident physicians, interns, and 58 fellows, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made 59 by this act to s. 458.331, F.S., in references thereto; 60 reenacting s. 459.021(8), F.S., relating to the registration of resident osteopathic physicians, interns, 61 62 and fellows, to incorporate the amendment made by this act 63 to s. 459.015, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date. 64 65 66 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 67 Section 1. Section 408.0513, Florida Statutes, is created 68 69 to read: 70 408.0513 Access to prescription drug medication history.-(1) By December 1, 2010, the agency shall contract with an 71 72 entity that operates a multistate electronic prescribing network 73 to provide the following agencies with access to the controlled substance information available on such network for the 74 75 controlled substances listed in Schedules II and III of s. 76 893.03: 77 A criminal justice agency as defined in s. 119.011 (a) 78 that enforces the laws of this state or the United States and 79 that initiates an active investigation involving a specific 80 violation of law. 81 (b) The Department of Health or the relevant health 82 regulatory board responsible for the licensure, regulation, or discipline of practitioners, pharmacists, or other persons who 83 84 are authorized to prescribe, administer, or dispense controlled

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85	substances and who are involved in a specific investigation
86	involving a designated person.
87	(2) The agency shall adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1) and
88	120.54 to administer this section, including the method and
89	terms of access to the information provided under subsection
90	<u>(1).</u>
91	(3) The agency shall seek federal grants and donations
92	from private entities to implement this section.
93	Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 458.309, Florida
94	Statutes, is amended to read:
95	458.309 Rulemaking authority
96	(4) All privately owned pain-management clinics,
97	facilities, or offices primarily engaged in the treatment of
98	pain by prescribing or dispensing controlled substances,
99	hereinafter referred to as "clinics," which advertise in any
100	medium for any type of pain-management services $_{m{ au}}$ or employ a
101	physician who is primarily engaged in the treatment of pain by
102	prescribing or dispensing controlled substance medications, must
103	register with the department by January 4, 2010, unless that
104	clinic is licensed as a facility pursuant to chapter 395. <u>The</u>
105	department shall refuse to register any clinic owned by or
106	having any contractual or employment relationship with a
107	physician whose federal Drug Enforcement Administration
108	registration number has ever been suspended or revoked or
109	against whom the board has taken final administrative action
110	relating to the physician's impairment due to the misuse or
111	abuse of alcohol or drugs; any clinic the ownership or any
112	controlling interest of which is held by any person who has been
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113 convicted of, or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere 114 to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 893; or 115 any clinic not wholly owned by a physician or group of 116 physicians licensed under this chapter or chapter 459 or by a 117 health care clinic licensed under part X of chapter 400. A 118 physician may not practice medicine in a pain-management clinic 119 that is required to register but has not registered with the department. Each clinic location shall be registered separately 120 121 regardless of whether the clinic is operated under the same business name or management as another clinic. If the clinic is 122 123 licensed as a health care clinic under chapter 400, the medical 124 director is responsible for registering the facility with the 125 department. If the clinic is not registered pursuant to chapter 126 395 or chapter 400, the clinic shall, upon registration with the 127 department, designate a physician who is responsible for 128 complying with all requirements related to registration of the 129 clinic. The designated physician shall be licensed under this 130 chapter or chapter 459 and shall practice at the office location 131 for which the physician has assumed responsibility. The 132 department shall inspect the clinic annually to ensure that it 133 complies with rules of the Board of Medicine adopted pursuant to 134 this subsection and subsection (5) unless the office is 135 accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency 136 approved by the Board of Medicine. The actual costs for 137 registration and inspection or accreditation shall be paid by the physician seeking to register the clinic. 138

Section 3. Paragraph (nn) of subsection (1) of section 458.331, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (qq), Page 5 of 20

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141	and new paragraphs (nn), (oo), and (pp) are added to that
142	subsection to read:
143	458.331 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
144	board and department
145	(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a
146	license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):
147	(nn) Practicing medicine in a clinic that is required to
148	register but has not registered with the department pursuant to
149	<u>s. 458.309.</u>
150	(oo) Promoting or advertising through any communication
151	media the use, sale, or dispensing of any controlled substance
152	appearing on any schedule in chapter 893.
153	(pp) Dispensing a controlled substance listed in Schedule
154	II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V of s. 893.03
155	without being registered with the Board of Pharmacy as a
156	controlled substance dispensing practitioner under s.
157	465.0276(3).
158	Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 459.005, Florida
159	Statutes, is amended to read:
160	459.005 Rulemaking authority
161	(3) All privately owned pain-management clinics,
162	facilities, or offices primarily engaged in the treatment of
163	pain by prescribing or dispensing controlled substances,
164	hereinafter referred to as "clinics," which advertise in any
165	medium for any type of pain-management services $_{m  au}$ or employ a
166	physician who is licensed under this chapter and who is
167	primarily engaged in the treatment of pain by prescribing or
168	dispensing controlled substance medications, must register with
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169	the department by January 4, 2010, unless that clinic is
170	licensed as a facility under chapter 395. The department shall
171	refuse to register any clinic owned by or having any contractual
172	or employment relationship with a physician whose federal Drug
173	Enforcement Administration registration number has ever been
174	suspended or revoked or against whom the board has taken final
175	administrative action relating to the physician's impairment due
176	to the misuse or abuse of alcohol or drugs; any clinic the
177	ownership or any controlling interest of which is held by any
178	person who has been convicted of, or has entered a plea of
179	guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a
180	felony under chapter 893; or any clinic not wholly owned by a
181	physician or group of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or
182	this chapter or by a health care clinic licensed under part X of
183	chapter 400. A physician may not practice osteopathic medicine
184	in a pain-management clinic that is required to <u>register</u> but has
185	not registered with the department. Each clinic location shall
186	be registered separately regardless of whether the clinic is
187	operated under the same business name or management as another
188	clinic. If the clinic is licensed as a health care clinic under
189	chapter 400, the medical director is responsible for registering
190	the facility with the department. If the clinic is not
191	registered under chapter 395 or chapter 400, the clinic shall,
192	upon registration with the department, designate a physician who
193	is responsible for complying with all requirements related to
194	registration of the clinic. The designated physician shall be
195	licensed under chapter 458 or this chapter and shall practice at
196	the office location for which the physician has assumed
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197 responsibility. The department shall inspect the clinic annually 198 to ensure that it complies with rules of the Board of 199 Osteopathic Medicine adopted pursuant to this subsection and 200 subsection (4) unless the office is accredited by a nationally 201 recognized accrediting agency approved by the Board of 202 Osteopathic Medicine. The actual costs for registration and 203 inspection or accreditation shall be paid by the physician 204 seeking to register the clinic.

Section 5. Paragraph (pp) of subsection (1) of section 459.015, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (ss), and new paragraphs (pp), (qq), and (rr) are added to that subsection to read:

209 459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the 210 board and department.—

(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a
 212 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

213 (pp) Practicing osteopathic medicine in a clinic that is 214 required to register but has not registered with the department 215 pursuant to s. 459.005.

216 <u>(qq) Promoting or advertising through any communication</u>
217 <u>media the use, sale, or dispensing of any controlled substance</u>
218 <u>appearing on any schedule in chapter 893.</u>

219 (rr) Dispensing a controlled substance listed in Schedule 220 II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V of s. 893.03 221 without being registered with the Board of Pharmacy as a

controlled substance dispensing practitioner under s.

223 465.0276(3).

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224 Section 6. Section 465.018, Florida Statutes, is amended Page 8 of 20

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225 to read:

465.018 Community pharmacies; permits.-Any person desiring 226 227 a permit to operate a community pharmacy shall apply to the 228 department. If the board office certifies that the application 229 complies with the laws of the state and the rules of the board 230 governing pharmacies, the department shall issue the permit. A 231 No permit may not shall be issued unless a licensed pharmacist 232 is designated as the prescription department manager responsible 233 for maintaining all drug records, providing for the security of 234 the prescription department, and following such other rules as relate to the practice of the profession of pharmacy. The 235 236 permittee and the newly designated prescription department 237 manager shall notify the department within 10 days of any change 238 in prescription department manager. Effective July 1, 2012, a permit may not be issued unless the applicant demonstrates the 239 240 ability to participate in and transmit dispensing information through a multistate electronic prescribing network. Effective 241 242 January 1, 2013, a permittee must transmit dispensing 243 information through a multistate electronic prescribing network 244 for each prescription of a controlled substance listed in 245 Schedule II or Schedule III of s. 893.03. 246 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 465.023, Florida 247 Statutes, is amended to read: 248 465.023 Pharmacy permittee; disciplinary action.-249 (1)The department or the board may revoke or suspend the 250 permit of any pharmacy permittee, and may fine, place on probation, or otherwise discipline any pharmacy permittee if the 251 252 permittee, or any affiliated person, partner, officer, director, Page 9 of 20

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253 or agent of the permittee, including a person fingerprinted 254 under s. 465.022(3), has:

(a) Obtained a permit by misrepresentation or fraud or
through an error of the department or the board;

(b) Attempted to procure, or has procured, a permit for
any other person by making, or causing to be made, any false
representation;

(c) Violated any of the requirements of this chapter or
any of the rules of the Board of Pharmacy; of chapter 499, known
as the "Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act"; of 21 U.S.C. ss. 301392, known as the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act"; of 21
U.S.C. ss. 821 et seq., known as the Comprehensive Drug Abuse
Prevention and Control Act; or of chapter 893;

(d) Been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude in any of the courts of this state, of any other state, or of the United States;

(e) Been convicted or disciplined by a regulatory agency of the Federal Government or a regulatory agency of another state for any offense that would constitute a violation of this chapter;

(f) Been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, the profession of pharmacy;

(g) Been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo
contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any
jurisdiction which relates to health care fraud; or

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281 Dispensed any medicinal drug based upon a (h) 282 communication that purports to be a prescription as defined by 283 s. 465.003(14) or s. 893.02 when the pharmacist knows or has 284 reason to believe that the purported prescription is not based 285 upon a valid practitioner-patient relationship that includes a 286 documented patient evaluation, including history and a physical 287 examination adequate to establish the diagnosis for which any 288 drug is prescribed and any other requirement established by 289 board rule under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, chapter 290 463, chapter 464, or chapter 466; or

291 (i) Failed to transmit dispensing information through a 292 multistate electronic prescribing network pursuant to s. 465.018 293 for any prescription of a controlled substance listed in 294 Schedule II or Schedule III of s. 893.03.

295 Section 8. Subsections (3) through (5) of section 296 465.0276, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) 297 through (7), respectively, and new subsections (3) and (4) are 298 added to that section to read:

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465.0276 Dispensing practitioner.-

300 (3) To dispense a controlled substance listed in Schedule 301 II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V of s. 893.03, a 302 practitioner authorized by law to prescribe controlled 303 substances must register with the Board of Pharmacy as a 304 controlled substance dispensing practitioner and pay a fee not 305 to exceed \$100. The department shall adopt rules establishing 306 procedures for quadrennial renewal of the registration. 307 Upon receiving a practitioner's request for (a) 308 registration, the department shall request each of the following

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309 persons to complete and submit a statement of reference 310 concerning the practitioner: 311 1. The president of the Florida Medical Association. 312 2. The president of the Florida Osteopathic Medical 313 Association. 314 The dean of each medical school in the state. 3. 315 4. The hospital medical chief of each licensed hospital 316 within 50 miles of the practitioner's practice location. 317 5. The president of the practitioner's state specialty 318 society, if any. 6. The president of each county medical association 319 320 geographically located in the practitioner's practice area. 321 322 The department shall establish and maintain an accurate list of 323 each person listed in this paragraph. 324 The statement of reference, which the department shall (b) 325 provide to each person listed in paragraph (a) in a format 326 prescribed by the department, shall inquire whether the person 327 completing the statement: 328 1. Has personal knowledge of the practitioner. 329 2. Has had an opportunity to form an opinion of the 330 practitioner's medical skills and ethics. 331 3. Is aware of any incidents in the practitioner's medical 332 practice that reflect insufficient skill or medical ethics to 333 properly dispense controlled substances. 334 4. Is aware of any facts or circumstances indicating that 335 the practitioner is likely to dispense controlled substances without clinical justification. 336

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337 5. Recommends the practitioner for controlled substance 338 dispensing registration. 339 (c) A person receiving a request for a statement of 340 reference may decline to complete or submit the statement of 341 reference. A completed statement of reference must be notarized 342 and submitted to the department. 343 (d) A person listed in paragraph (a) who submits a 344 statement of reference is immune from civil liability for 345 submitting the statement if the information provided in the 346 statement is provided in good faith. 347 The Board of Pharmacy may not register a practitioner (e) 348 for whom a statement of reference contains a negative 349 recommendation or for whom no positive recommendation is 350 submitted to the department. The board may not consider a 351 statement of reference that is not notarized. An administrative 352 challenge to the denial of a practitioner's registration or 353 registration renewal that is brought under chapter 120 must be 354 made to the practitioner's professional licensing board. 355 This subsection applies to a physician at the next (f) 356 renewal of his or her license, except that this subsection 357 applies to a physician practicing in Broward County, Miami-Dade 358 County, or Palm Beach County effective September 1, 2010. 359 (4) Effective July 1, 2012, the department may not 360 register a controlled substance dispensing practitioner unless 361 the practitioner demonstrates the ability to participate in and 362 transmit dispensing information through a multistate electronic 363 prescribing network. Effective January 1, 2013, a controlled 364 substance dispensing practitioner must transmit dispensing

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365 information through a multistate electronic prescribing network 366 for each prescription of a controlled substance listed in 367 Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V of s. 368 893.03. 369 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (15) of section 370 499.028, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 371 499.028 Drug samples or complimentary drugs; starter 372 packs; permits to distribute.-(15) A person may not possess a prescription drug sample 373 374 unless: 375 (a) The drug sample was prescribed to her or him as 376 evidenced by the label required in s. 465.0276(7) + (5). 377 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 378 made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in 379 references thereto, section 458.303, Florida Statutes, is 380 reenacted to read: 381 458.303 Provisions not applicable to other practitioners; 382 exceptions, etc.-383 (1)The provisions of ss. 458.301, 458.303, 458.305, 384 458.307, 458.309, 458.311, 458.313, 458.315, 458.317, 458.319, 385 458.321, 458.327, 458.329, 458.331, 458.337, 458.339, 458.341, 458.343, 458.345, and 458.347 shall have no application to: 386 387 (a) Other duly licensed health care practitioners acting 388 within their scope of practice authorized by statute. 389 Any physician lawfully licensed in another state or (b) territory or foreign country, when meeting duly licensed 390 391 physicians of this state in consultation. (c) Commissioned medical officers of the Armed Forces of

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393 the United States and of the Public Health Service of the United 394 States while on active duty and while acting within the scope of 395 their military or public health responsibilities.

(d) Any person while actually serving without salary or
professional fees on the resident medical staff of a hospital in
this state, subject to the provisions of s. 458.321.

399 (e) Any person furnishing medical assistance in case of an400 emergency.

401 (f) The domestic administration of recognized family402 remedies.

403 (g) The practice of the religious tenets of any church in404 this state.

(h) Any person or manufacturer who, without the use of drugs or medicine, mechanically fits or sells lenses, artificial eyes or limbs, or other apparatus or appliances or is engaged in the mechanical examination of eyes for the purpose of constructing or adjusting spectacles, eyeglasses, or lenses.

410 Nothing in s. 458.301, s. 458.303, s. 458.305, s. (2) 411 458.307, s. 458.309, s. 458.311, s. 458.313, s. 458.319, s. 412 458.321, s. 458.327, s. 458.329, s. 458.331, s. 458.337, s. 413 458.339, s. 458.341, s. 458.343, s. 458.345, or s. 458.347 shall 414 be construed to prohibit any service rendered by a registered 415 nurse or a licensed practical nurse, if such service is rendered 416 under the direct supervision and control of a licensed physician 417 who provides specific direction for any service to be performed 418 and gives final approval to all services performed. Further, nothing in this or any other chapter shall be construed to 419 prohibit any service rendered by a medical assistant in 420

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421 accordance with the provisions of s. 458.3485.

Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (5) of section 458.311, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

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458.311 Licensure by examination; requirements; fees.-

(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a physician, who
does not hold a valid license in any state, shall apply to the
department on forms furnished by the department. The department
shall license each applicant who the board certifies:

(d) Has not committed any act or offense in this or any
other jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for
disciplining a physician pursuant to s. 458.331.

435 (5) The board may not certify to the department for 436 licensure any applicant who is under investigation in another 437 jurisdiction for an offense which would constitute a violation 438 of this chapter until such investigation is completed. Upon 439 completion of the investigation, the provisions of s. 458.331 440 shall apply. Furthermore, the department may not issue an 441 unrestricted license to any individual who has committed any act 442 or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis 443 for disciplining a physician pursuant to s. 458.331. When the 444 board finds that an individual has committed an act or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for 445 446 disciplining a physician pursuant to s. 458.331, then the board 447 may enter an order imposing one or more of the terms set forth in subsection (8). 448

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449 Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 450 made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in 451 references thereto, subsection (6) of section 458.313, Florida 452 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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458.313 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.(6) The department shall not issue a license by
endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in any

456 jurisdiction for an act or offense which would constitute a 457 violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation 458 is complete, at which time the provisions of s. 458.331 shall 459 apply. Furthermore, the department may not issue an unrestricted 460 license to any individual who has committed any act or offense 461 in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for 462 disciplining a physician pursuant to s. 458.331. When the board 463 finds that an individual has committed an act or offense in any 464 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a 465 physician pursuant to s. 458.331, the board may enter an order 466 imposing one or more of the terms set forth in subsection (7).

467 Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 468 made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in a 469 reference thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 470 458.3135, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

471 458.3135 Temporary certificate for visiting physicians to
472 practice in approved cancer centers.-

473 (2) A temporary certificate for practice in an approved 474 cancer center may be issued without examination to an individual 475 who:

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Has not committed any act in this or any other

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477 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a 478 physician under s. 456.072 or s. 458.331;

479 Section 14. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 480 made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in a 481 reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 482 458.3137, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

483 458.3137 Temporary certificate for visiting physicians to 484 obtain medical privileges for instructional purposes in 485 conjunction with certain plastic surgery training programs and 486 plastic surgery educational symposiums.-

(2) A temporary certificate to practice medicine for educational purposes to help teach plastic surgery residents of a medical school within this state in conjunction with a nationally sponsored educational symposium may be issued without examination, upon verification by the board that the individual meets all of the following requirements:

(e) Has not committed an act in this or any other
jurisdiction that would constitute a basis for disciplining a
physician under s. 456.072 or s. 458.331.

496 Section 15. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 497 made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in a 498 reference thereto, paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 499 458.3145, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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458.3145 Medical faculty certificate.-

501 (1) A medical faculty certificate may be issued without502 examination to an individual who:

(g) Has not committed any act in this or any otherjurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a

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505 physician under s. 458.331;

Section 16. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 458.345, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

511 458.345 Registration of resident physicians, interns, and 512 fellows; list of hospital employees; prescribing of medicinal 513 drugs; penalty.-

514 Any person desiring to practice as a resident (1)physician, assistant resident physician, house physician, 515 516 intern, or fellow in fellowship training which leads to subspecialty board certification in this state, or any person 517 518 desiring to practice as a resident physician, assistant resident physician, house physician, intern, or fellow in fellowship 519 520 training in a teaching hospital in this state as defined in s. 521 408.07(45) or s. 395.805(2), who does not hold a valid, active 522 license issued under this chapter shall apply to the department 523 to be registered and shall remit a fee not to exceed \$300 as set 524 by the board. The department shall register any applicant the 525 board certifies has met the following requirements:

(b) Has not committed any act or offense within or without
the state which would constitute the basis for refusal to
certify an application for licensure pursuant to s. 458.331.

529 (2) The board shall not certify to the department for
530 registration any applicant who is under investigation in any
531 state or jurisdiction for an act which would constitute grounds
532 for disciplinary action under s. 458.331 until such time as the

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investigation is completed, at which time the provisions of s.458.331 shall apply.

535 Section 17. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 536 made by this act to section 459.015, Florida Statutes, in a 537 reference thereto, subsection (8) of section 459.021, Florida 538 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

539 459.021 Registration of resident physicians, interns, and 540 fellows; list of hospital employees; penalty.-

(8) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or s.
120.52 to the contrary, any person who is registered under this
section is subject to the provisions of s. 459.015.

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Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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