HB 865 2010

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to damages for wrongful death; repealing s. 768.21(8), F.S., relating to prevention of recovery of damages for wrongful death by adult children of a decedent or by parents of an adult child with respect to claims for medical negligence; amending ss. 400.023, 400.0235, and 429.295, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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Subsection (8) of section 768.21, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 400.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.023 Civil enforcement.-

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An action under this part for a violation of rights or negligence recognized herein is not a claim for medical malpractice, and the provisions of s. 768.21(8) do not apply to a claim alleging death of the resident.

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Section 3. Section 400.0235, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.0235 Certain provisions not applicable to Actions under this part not medical malpractice claims. - An action under this part for a violation of rights or negligence recognized under this part is not a claim for medical malpractice, and the provisions of s. 768.21(8) do not apply to a claim alleging

28 death of the resident.

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Section 4. Section 429.295, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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429.295 Certain provisions not applicable to Actions under this part not medical malpractice claims.—An action under this part for a violation of rights or negligence recognized herein is not a claim for medical malpractice, and the provisions of s. 768.21(8) do not apply to a claim alleging death of the resident.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.