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An act relating to assisted living facilities; amending s. 429.19, F.S.; removing a requirement that the Agency for Health Care Administration disseminate annually a printed list of assisted living facilities sanctioned or fined to specified agencies and departments; amending s. 429.23, F.S.; removing reporting requirements for assisted living facilities relating to liability claims; amending s. 429.35, F.S.; removing an obsolete reporting requirement; amending s. 429.41, F.S.; removing a provision requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to submit to the Legislature for review and comment a copy of proposed department rules establishing standards for resident care; repealing s. 429.54, F.S.; repealing a provision authorizing the Department of Elderly Affairs to collect information regarding the cost of providing certain services in facilities and to conduct field visits and audits; repealing a provision authorizing a local subsidy; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 429.19, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

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429.19 Violations; imposition of administrative fines; grounds.-

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The agency shall develop and disseminate an annual facilities sanctioned or fined for violations

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state standards, the number and class of violations involved, the penalties imposed, and the current status of cases. The list shall be disseminated, at no charge, to the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the area agencies on aging, the Florida Statewide Advocacy Council, and the state and local ombudsman councils. The Department of Children and Family Services shall disseminate the list to service providers under contract to the department who are responsible for referring persons to a facility for residency. The agency may charge a fee commensurate with the cost of printing and postage to other interested parties requesting a copy of this list. This information may be provided electronically or through the agency's Internet site.

Section 2. Subsections (6) through (10) of section 429.23, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) through (9), respectively, and present subsection (5) of that section is amended to read:

429.23 Internal risk management and quality assurance program; adverse incidents and reporting requirements.—

(5) Each facility shall report monthly to the agency any liability claim filed against it. The report must include the name of the resident, the dates of the incident leading to the claim, if applicable, and the type of injury or violation of rights alleged to have occurred. This report is not discoverable in any civil or administrative action, except in such actions brought by the agency to enforce the provisions of this part.

Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 429.35, Florida

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Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (2), and present subsection (2) of that section is amended to read:

429.35 Maintenance of records; reports.-

inspection visit required under s. 408.811 or within 30 days after the date of any interim visit, the agency shall forward the results of the inspection to the local ombudsman council in whose planning and service area, as defined in part II of chapter 400, the facility is located; to at least one public library or, in the absence of a public library, the county seat in the county in which the inspected assisted living facility is located; and, when appropriate, to the district Adult Services and Mental Health Program Offices.

Section 4. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 429.41, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) and (4), respectively, and present subsection (3) of that section is amended to read:

429.41 Rules establishing standards.-

(3) The department shall submit a copy of proposed rules to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and appropriate committees of substance for review and comment prior to the promulgation thereof. Rules promulgated by the department shall encourage the development of homelike facilities which promote the dignity, individuality, personal strengths, and decisionmaking ability of residents.

Section 5. Section 429.54, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.