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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 457 and 458
insert:

Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 400.471, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.471 Application for license; fee.—

(2) In addition to the requirements of part II of chapter 408, the initial applicant must file with the application satisfactory proof that the home health agency is in compliance



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11 with this part and applicable rules, including:

12 (h) In the case of an application for initial licensure,
13 documentation of accreditation, or an application for
14 accreditation, from an accrediting organization that is
15 recognized by the agency as having standards comparable to those
16 required by this part and part II of chapter 408.

17 Notwithstanding s. 408.806, an applicant that has applied for
18 accreditation must provide proof of accreditation that is not
19 conditional or provisional within 120 days after the date of the
20 agency's receipt of the application for licensure or the
21 application shall be withdrawn from further consideration. Such
22 accreditation must be maintained by the home health agency to
23 maintain licensure. The agency shall accept, in lieu of its own
24 periodic licensure survey, the submission of the survey of an
25 accrediting organization that is recognized by the agency if the
26 accreditation of the licensed home health agency is not
27 provisional and if the licensed home health agency authorizes
28 releases of, and the agency receives the report of, the
29 accrediting organization. A home health agency that is not
30 Medicare or Medicaid certified and does not provide skilled
31 nursing care is exempt from this paragraph.

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33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Between lines 32 and 33

36 insert:

37 400.471, F.S.; exempting a home health agency that is
38 not Medicare or Medicaid certified and does not
39 provide skilled nursing care does not have to provide



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