

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to home health services; amending. s.
3 400.462, F.S.; defining a term; amending s. 400.464,
4 F.S.; allowing home health agencies to operate related
5 offices inside of the main office's geographic service
6 area without an additional license; amending s.
7 400.506, F.S.; providing for the licensure of more
8 than one nurse registry operational site within the
9 same geographic service area; authorizing a licensed
10 nurse registry to operate a satellite office;
11 requiring a nurse registry operational site to keep
12 all original records; requiring a nurse registry to
13 provide notice and certain evidence before it
14 relocates an operational site or opens a satellite
15 office; reenacting ss. 400.497, 817.505(3)(h),
16 400.506(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to
17 s. 400.506, F.S., in references thereto; providing an
18 effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Present subsections (28) and (29) of section
23 400.462, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (29)
24 and (30), respectively, and a new subsection (28) is added to
25 that section, to read:

26 400.462 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
27 (28) "Satellite office" means a secondary office of a nurse
28 registry established pursuant to s. 400.506(1) in the same
29 geographic service area as a licensed nurse registry operational

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30 site.

31 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 400.464, Florida
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 400.464 Home health agencies to be licensed; expiration of
34 license; exemptions; unlawful acts; penalties.—

35 (2) If the licensed home health agency operates related
36 offices, each related office outside the geographic service area
37 ~~county~~ where the main office is located must be separately
38 licensed. The counties where the related offices are operating
39 must be specified on the license in the main office.

40 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 400.506, Florida
41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;
43 penalties.—

44 (1) (a) A nurse registry is exempt from the licensing
45 requirements of a home health agency but must be licensed as a
46 nurse registry. The requirements of part II of chapter 408 apply
47 to the provision of services that require licensure pursuant to
48 ss. 400.506-400.518 and part II of chapter 408 and to entities
49 licensed by or applying for such license from the Agency for
50 Health Care Administration pursuant to ss. 400.506-400.518. A
51 license issued by the agency is required for the operation of a
52 nurse registry. Each operational site of the nurse registry must
53 be licensed, unless there is more than one site within the
54 geographic service area for which a license is issued. In such
55 case, a county. ~~If there is more than one site within a county,~~
56 ~~only one license per county is required.~~ each operational site
57 within the geographic service area must be listed on the
58 license.

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59 (b) A licensed nurse registry may operate a satellite
60 office as defined in s. 400.462. The nurse registry operational
61 site must administer all satellite offices. A satellite office
62 may store supplies and records, register and process
63 contractors, and conduct business by telephone as is done at
64 other operational sites. Nurse registries may use signs and
65 advertisements to notify the public of the location of a
66 satellite office. All original records must be kept at the
67 operational site.

68 (c) A nurse registry must provide notice, in writing, to
69 the agency at the state and area office levels, as required by
70 agency rule, of a proposed change of address for an operational
71 site or the opening of a satellite office. Before relocating an
72 operational site or opening a satellite office, the nurse
73 registry must submit evidence of its legal right to use the
74 proposed property, as well as a certificate of occupancy, a
75 certificate of use, or other evidence that the property is zoned
76 for nurse registry use.

77 Section 4. Section 400.497, paragraph (h) of subsection (3)
78 of s. 817.505, and subsection (3) of s. 400.506, Florida
79 Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of incorporating the
80 amendment made by this act to s. 400.506, Florida Statutes, in
81 references thereto.

82 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.