1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act related to emergency power sources; creating s. 3 366.042, F.S.; requiring the Public Service Commission 4 to ensure electric utilities have prioritized the 5 restoration of electric services to certain medical 6 facilities; amending s. 400.0238, F.S.; revising the 7 method for calculating distribution of punitive 8 damages in certain cases; requiring a claimant who 9 settles a case to provide to the Chief Financial 10 Officer notice of payments into a specified trust fund; amending s. 400.0239, F.S.; authorizing 11 12 expenditures from the Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund for a specified grant 13 14 program related to emergency power sources; amending ss. 400.19 and 429.34, F.S.; revising items which 15 16 must be inspected by the Agency for Health Care 17 Administration at specified intervals in nursing homes and assisted living facilities; amending s. 400.23, 18 19 F.S.; revising components to be included in rules 20 adopted by the agency related to equipment necessary 21 and essential to the health of residents and emergency 22 planning; requiring the local emergency management 23 agency to publish a list of providers whose emergency 24 plans have been approved; amending s. 409.908, F.S.; 25 requiring adjustments to be made to the provider

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Medicaid rate to allow reimbursements for certain
items; amending s. 429.41, F.S.; revising minimum
standards to be included in rules, policies, and
procedures adopted by the Department of Elderly
Affairs related to emergency power during power
outages; providing effective dates.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Section 366.042, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:
366.042 Power restoration priorityThe commission shall
ensure that electric utilities have prioritized the restoration
of services to critical medical facilities with at least 50
residents, including nursing homes licensed under part II of
chapter 400 and assisted living facilities licensed under part I
of chapter 429, in the event of an emergency.
Section 2. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 400.0238,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
400.0238 Punitive damages; limitation
(2) The claimant's <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees, if payable
from the judgment, are, to the extent that the fees are based on
the punitive damages, calculated based on the <u>claimant's share</u>
of final judgment for punitive damages. This subsection does not
limit the payment of <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees based upon an

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51 award of damages other than punitive damages.

52 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a (4)(a) 53 claimant has received a final judgment for the amount of punitive damages or if a case is settled before a verdict is 54 55 returned and the settlement contains a punitive damages element, 56 the punitive award must awarded pursuant to this section shall 57 be equally divided between the claimant and the Quality of Long-58 Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund before the claimant's 59 attorney may receive attorney fees., in accordance with the 60 following provisions:

(b) (a) In the event of a judgment, the clerk of the court 61 62 shall transmit a copy of the jury verdict to the Chief Financial 63 Officer by certified mail. In the final judgment, the court 64 shall order the percentages of the award, payable as provided 65 herein. In the event of a settlement, the claimant shall 66 transmit by certified mail to the Chief Financial Officer a 67 statement identifying the share due to the Quality of Long-Term 68 Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund.

69 (c) (b) A settlement agreement entered into between the 70 original parties to the action after a verdict has been returned 71 must provide a proportionate share payable to the Quality of 72 Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund specified herein. 73 For purposes of this paragraph, a proportionate share is a 50-74 percent share of that percentage of the settlement amount which 75 the punitive damages portion of the verdict bore to the total of

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76 the compensatory and punitive damages in the verdict.

77 <u>(d) (c)</u> The Department of Financial Services shall collect 78 or cause to be collected all payments due the state under this 79 section. Such payments are made to the Chief Financial Officer 80 and deposited in the appropriate fund specified in this 81 subsection.

82 (e) (d) If the full amount of punitive damages awarded 83 cannot be collected, the claimant and the other recipient 84 designated pursuant to this subsection are each entitled to a 85 proportionate share of the punitive damages collected.

86 Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of 87 section 400.0239, Florida Statutes, to read:

400.0239 Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement
 89 Trust Fund.-

90 (2) Expenditures from the trust fund shall be allowable91 for direct support of the following:

92 (h) A grant program run by the agency to fund the purchase
 93 of emergency power sources for nursing homes to provide cooling
 94 and other emergency services to their residents.

95 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 400.19, Florida96 Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.19 Right of entry and inspection.-

98 (3) The agency shall every 15 months conduct at least one
99 unannounced inspection to determine compliance by the licensee
100 with statutes, and with rules promulgated under the provisions

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101 of those statutes, governing minimum standards of construction, 102 equipment and emergency power sources as required in s. 103 400.23(2), quality and adequacy of care, and rights of 104 residents. The survey shall be conducted every 6 months for the 105 next 2-year period if the facility has been cited for a class I 106 deficiency, has been cited for two or more class II deficiencies 107 arising from separate surveys or investigations within a 60-day 108 period, or has had three or more substantiated complaints within 109 a 6-month period, each resulting in at least one class I or 110 class II deficiency. In addition to any other fees or fines in this part, the agency shall assess a fine for each facility that 111 112 is subject to the 6-month survey cycle. The fine for the 2-year period shall be \$6,000, one-half to be paid at the completion of 113 114 each survey. The agency may adjust this fine by the change in 115 the Consumer Price Index, based on the 12 months immediately preceding the increase, to cover the cost of the additional 116 117 surveys. The agency shall verify through subsequent inspection 118 that any deficiency identified during inspection is corrected. 119 However, the agency may verify the correction of a class III or class IV deficiency unrelated to resident rights or resident 120 121 care without reinspecting the facility if adequate written 122 documentation has been received from the facility, which provides assurance that the deficiency has been corrected. The 123 124 giving or causing to be given of advance notice of such 125 unannounced inspections by an employee of the agency to any

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126 unauthorized person shall constitute cause for suspension of not 127 fewer than 5 working days according to the provisions of chapter 128 110.

129 Section 5. Paragraphs (d) and (g) of subsection (2) of 130 section 400.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

131 400.23 Rules; evaluation and deficiencies; licensure
132 status.-

(2) Pursuant to the intention of the Legislature, the
agency, in consultation with the Department of Health and the
Department of Elderly Affairs, shall adopt and enforce rules to
implement this part and part II of chapter 408, which shall
include reasonable and fair criteria in relation to:

The equipment essential to the health and welfare of 138 (d) 139 the residents, including an operational emergency power source 140 and a supply of fuel to sustain the emergency power source for 141 at least 4 days during a power outage. A facility may contract 142 with a company to supply an emergency power source or fuel when 143 requested by the facility, or may store the emergency power 144 source and fuel on site. The emergency power source must provide 145 enough energy to:

146 <u>1. Consistently maintain an ambient air temperature of 81</u> 147 <u>degrees Fahrenheit or below in at least one area of the facility</u> 148 <u>with sufficient space to safely hold all of the facility's</u> 149 residents; and

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2. Refrigerate and prepare food and beverages for the

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151 <u>residents and to store ice</u>.

152 The preparation and annual update of a comprehensive (q) 153 emergency management plan. The agency shall adopt rules 154 establishing minimum criteria for the plan after consultation 155 with the Division of Emergency Management. At a minimum, the 156 rules must provide for plan components that address emergency 157 evacuation transportation; adequate sheltering arrangements; 158 postdisaster activities, including emergency power, food, and 159 water; postdisaster transportation; supplies; staffing; emergency equipment; individual identification of residents and 160 transfer of records; a plan to monitor residents to ensure 161 162 residents do not experience complications from heat exposure and to make certain all residents have sufficient access to areas of 163 164 the facility with an ambient air temperature of 81 degrees 165 Fahrenheit or below; a plan to safely transport residents to 166 another appropriate facility if the facility believes it will be 167 unable to maintain the residents in a safe temperature range; 168 and responding to family inquiries. The comprehensive emergency 169 management plan is subject to review and approval by the local 170 emergency management agency. During its review, the local emergency management agency shall ensure that the following 171 agencies, at a minimum, are given the opportunity to review the 172 plan: the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of 173 174 Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the 175 Division of Emergency Management. Also, appropriate volunteer

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organizations must be given the opportunity to review the plan.
The local emergency management agency shall complete its review
within 60 days and either approve the plan or advise the
facility of necessary revisions. <u>The local emergency management</u>
<u>agency shall publish a list of providers whose emergency plans</u>
<u>have been approved but may not disclose the plan itself in order</u>
to protect sensitive information from public disclosure.

183 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section184 409.908, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

185 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.-Subject to specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid 186 187 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in 188 189 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein. 190 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement 191 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive 192 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency 193 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or 194 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based 195 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost 196 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate 197 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and 198 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected 199 200 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost

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reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost 201 202 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on 203 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the 204 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions 205 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216. 206 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent 207 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or 208 209 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or directions 210 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the 211 212 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

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214 (b) Subject to any limitations or directions in the 215 General Appropriations Act, the agency shall establish and 216 implement a state Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan 217 for nursing home care in order to provide care and services in conformance with the applicable state and federal laws, rules, 218 219 regulations, and quality and safety standards and to ensure that 220 individuals eligible for medical assistance have reasonable 221 geographic access to such care.

1. The agency shall amend the long-term care reimbursement plan and cost reporting system to create direct care and indirect care subcomponents of the patient care component of the per diem rate. These two subcomponents together shall equal the

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patient care component of the per diem rate. Separate cost-based ceilings shall be calculated for each patient care subcomponent. The direct care subcomponent of the per diem rate shall be limited by the cost-based class ceiling, and the indirect care subcomponent may be limited by the lower of the cost-based class ceiling, the target rate class ceiling, or the individual provider target.

233 2. The direct care subcomponent shall include salaries and benefits of direct care staff providing nursing services 234 235 including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and 236 certified nursing assistants who deliver care directly to 237 residents in the nursing home facility. This excludes nursing 238 administration, staff development, the staffing coordinator, and 239 the administrative portion of the minimum data set and care plan 240 coordinators. The direct care subcomponent also includes 241 medically necessary dental care, vision care, hearing care, and 242 podiatric care.

3. All other patient care costs shall be included in the indirect care cost subcomponent of the patient care per diem rate. Costs may not be allocated directly or indirectly to the direct care subcomponent from a home office or management company.

4. On July 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the
Legislature direct and indirect care costs, including average
direct and indirect care costs per resident per facility and

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251 direct care and indirect care salaries and benefits per category 252 of staff member per facility.

5. In order to offset the cost of general and professional liability insurance, the agency shall amend the plan to allow for interim rate adjustments to reflect increases in the cost of general or professional liability insurance for nursing homes. This provision shall be implemented to the extent existing appropriations are available.

259 <u>6. Adjustments shall be made to the provider Medicaid rate</u>
 260 <u>to allow reimbursement over a 5-year period for Medicaid's</u>
 261 <u>portion of the costs incurred to meet the emergency power source</u>
 262 requirements of s. 400.23(2)(d).

264 It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement plan 265 achieve the goal of providing access to health care for nursing 266 home residents who require large amounts of care while 267 encouraging diversion services as an alternative to nursing home 268 care for residents who can be served within the community. The 269 agency shall base the establishment of any maximum rate of 270 payment, whether overall or component, on the available moneys 271 as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The agency 272 may base the maximum rate of payment on the results of scientifically valid analysis and conclusions derived from 273 274 objective statistical data pertinent to the particular maximum 275 rate of payment.

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276 Section 7. Effective October 1, 2018, paragraph (b) of 277 subsection (2) of section 409.908, Florida Statutes, as amended 278 by chapter 2017-129, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

279 Subject to any limitations or directions in the (b) 280 General Appropriations Act, the agency shall establish and 281 implement a state Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan 282 for nursing home care in order to provide care and services in 283 conformance with the applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and quality and safety standards and to ensure that 284 285 individuals eligible for medical assistance have reasonable 286 geographic access to such care.

287 1. The agency shall amend the long-term care reimbursement 288 plan and cost reporting system to create direct care and 289 indirect care subcomponents of the patient care component of the 290 per diem rate. These two subcomponents together shall equal the 291 patient care component of the per diem rate. Separate prices 292 shall be calculated for each patient care subcomponent, 293 initially based on the September 2016 rate setting cost reports 294 and subsequently based on the most recently audited cost report 295 used during a rebasing year. The direct care subcomponent of the 296 per diem rate for any providers still being reimbursed on a cost 297 basis shall be limited by the cost-based class ceiling, and the indirect care subcomponent may be limited by the lower of the 298 299 cost-based class ceiling, the target rate class ceiling, or the individual provider target. The ceilings and targets apply only 300

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301	to providers being reimbursed on a cost-based system. Effective
302	October 1, 2018, a prospective payment methodology shall be
303	implemented for rate setting purposes with the following
304	parameters:
305	a. Peer Groups, including:
306	(I) North-SMMC Regions 1-9, less Palm Beach and Okeechobee
307	Counties; and
308	(II) South-SMMC Regions 10-11, plus Palm Beach and
309	Okeechobee Counties.
310	b. Percentage of Median Costs based on the cost reports
311	used for September 2016 rate setting:
312	(I) Direct Care Costs100 percent.
313	(II) Indirect Care Costs
314	(III) Operating Costs
315	c. Floors:
316	(I) Direct Care Component
317	(II) Indirect Care Component
318	(III) Operating ComponentNone.
319	d. Pass-through PaymentsReal Estate and Personal Property
320	Taxes and Property Insurance.
321	e. Quality Incentive Program Payment Pool6 percent of September
322	2016 non-property related payments of included facilities.
323	f. Quality Score Threshold to Quality for Quality
324	Incentive
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326	g. Fair Rental Value System Payment Parameters:
327	(I) Building Value per Square Foot based on 2018 RS Means.
328	(II) Land Valuation10 percent of Gross Building value.
329	(III) Facility Square FootageActual Square Footage.
330	(IV) Moveable Equipment Allowance\$8,000 per bed.
331	(V) Obsolescence Factor
332	(VI) Fair Rental Rate of Return
333	(VII) Minimum Occupancy
334	(VIII) Maximum Facility Age
335	(IX) Minimum Square Footage per Bed
336	(X) Maximum Square Footage for Bed
337	(XI) Minimum Cost of a renovation/replacements\$500 per bed.
338	h. Ventilator Supplemental payment of \$200 per Medicaid
339	day of 40,000 ventilator Medicaid days per fiscal year.
340	2. The direct care subcomponent shall include salaries and
341	benefits of direct care staff providing nursing services
342	including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and
343	certified nursing assistants who deliver care directly to
344	residents in the nursing home facility, allowable therapy costs,
345	and dietary costs. This excludes nursing administration, staff
346	development, the staffing coordinator, and the administrative
347	portion of the minimum data set and care plan coordinators. The
348	direct care subcomponent also includes medically necessary
349	dental care, vision care, hearing care, and podiatric care.
350	3. All other patient care costs shall be included in the
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indirect care cost subcomponent of the patient care per diem rate, including complex medical equipment, medical supplies, and other allowable ancillary costs. Costs may not be allocated directly or indirectly to the direct care subcomponent from a home office or management company.

4. On July 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the Legislature direct and indirect care costs, including average direct and indirect care costs per resident per facility and direct care and indirect care salaries and benefits per category of staff member per facility.

361 5. Every fourth year, the agency shall rebase nursing home 362 prospective payment rates to reflect changes in cost based on 363 the most recently audited cost report for each participating 364 provider.

365 6. A direct care supplemental payment may be made to
366 providers whose direct care hours per patient day are above the
367 80th percentile and who provide Medicaid services to a larger
368 percentage of Medicaid patients than the state average.

369 7. For the period beginning on October 1, 2018, and ending 370 on September 30, 2021, the agency shall reimburse providers the 371 greater of their September 2016 cost-based rate or their 372 prospective payment rate. Effective October 1, 2021, the agency 373 shall reimburse providers the greater of 95 percent of their 374 cost-based rate or their rebased prospective payment rate, using 375 the most recently audited cost report for each facility. This

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376 subparagraph shall expire September 30, 2023.

377 Pediatric, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and 8. 378 government-owned facilities are exempt from the pricing model 379 established in this subsection and shall remain on a cost-based 380 prospective payment system. Effective October 1, 2018, the 381 agency shall set rates for all facilities remaining on a cost-382 based prospective payment system using each facility's most 383 recently audited cost report, eliminating retroactive 384 settlements.

385 <u>9. Adjustments shall be made to the provider Medicaid rate</u> 386 <u>to allow reimbursement over a 5-year period for Medicaid's</u> 387 <u>portion of the costs incurred to meet the emergency power source</u> 388 <u>requirements of s. 400.23(2)(d).</u>

390 It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement plan 391 achieve the goal of providing access to health care for nursing 392 home residents who require large amounts of care while 393 encouraging diversion services as an alternative to nursing home 394 care for residents who can be served within the community. The 395 agency shall base the establishment of any maximum rate of 396 payment, whether overall or component, on the available moneys 397 as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The agency may base the maximum rate of payment on the results of 398 scientifically valid analysis and conclusions derived from 399 400 objective statistical data pertinent to the particular maximum

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401 rate of payment.

402 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 429.34, Florida 403 Statutes, is amended to read:

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429.34 Right of entry and inspection.-

405 The agency shall inspect each licensed assisted living (2) 406 facility at least once every 24 months to determine compliance 407 by the licensee with this chapter, and related rules concerning 408 the provision of electricity and emergency power sources during 409 power outages, the quality and adequacy of care, and resident 410 rights. If an assisted living facility is cited for a class I 411 violation or three or more class II violations arising from 412 separate surveys within a 60-day period or due to unrelated 413 circumstances during the same survey, the agency must conduct an 414 additional licensure inspection within 6 months.

415 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 416 429.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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429.41 Rules establishing standards.-

418 It is the intent of the Legislature that rules (1)419 published and enforced pursuant to this section shall include 420 criteria by which a reasonable and consistent quality of 421 resident care and quality of life may be ensured and the results 422 of such resident care may be demonstrated. Such rules shall also ensure a safe and sanitary environment that is residential and 423 424 noninstitutional in design or nature. It is further intended 425 that reasonable efforts be made to accommodate the needs and

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426 preferences of residents to enhance the quality of life in a 427 facility. Uniform firesafety standards for assisted living 428 facilities shall be established by the State Fire Marshal 429 pursuant to s. 633.206. The agency, in consultation with the 430 department, may adopt rules to administer the requirements of 431 part II of chapter 408. In order to provide safe and sanitary 432 facilities and the highest quality of resident care 433 accommodating the needs and preferences of residents, the 434 department, in consultation with the agency, the Department of 435 Children and Families, and the Department of Health, shall adopt rules, policies, and procedures to administer this part, which 436 437 must include reasonable and fair minimum standards in relation 438 to:

(a) The requirements for and maintenance of facilities,
not in conflict with chapter 553, relating to <u>electricity</u>,
plumbing, heating, cooling, lighting, ventilation, living space,
and other housing conditions, which will ensure the health,
safety, and comfort of residents suitable to the size of the
structure.

1. Firesafety evacuation capability determination.—An evacuation capability evaluation for initial licensure shall be conducted within 6 months after the date of licensure.

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2. Firesafety requirements.-

449 a. The National Fire Protection Association, Life Safety450 Code, NFPA 101 and 101A, current editions, shall be used in

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determining the uniform firesafety code adopted by the State
Fire Marshal for assisted living facilities, pursuant to s.
633.206.

b. A local government or a utility may charge fees only in an amount not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the local government or the utility relating to the installation and maintenance of an automatic fire sprinkler system in a licensed assisted living facility structure.

459 c. All licensed facilities must have an annual fire
460 inspection conducted by the local fire marshal or authority
461 having jurisdiction.

462 d. An assisted living facility that is issued a building permit or certificate of occupancy before July 1, 2016, may at 463 464 its option and after notifying the authority having 465 jurisdiction, remain under the provisions of the 1994 and 1995 466 editions of the National Fire Protection Association, Life 467 Safety Code, NFPA 101, and NFPA 101A. The facility opting to 468 remain under such provisions may make repairs, modernizations, 469 renovations, or additions to, or rehabilitate, the facility in 470 compliance with NFPA 101, 1994 edition, and may utilize the 471 alternative approaches to life safety in compliance with NFPA 472 101A, 1995 edition. However, a facility for which a building permit or certificate of occupancy is issued before July 1, 473 474 2016, that undergoes Level III building alteration or 475 rehabilitation, as defined in the Florida Building Code, or

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476 seeks to utilize features not authorized under the 1994 or 1995 477 editions of the Life Safety Code must thereafter comply with all 478 aspects of the uniform firesafety standards established under s. 479 633.206, and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, in effect for 480 assisted living facilities as adopted by the State Fire Marshal. 481 Resident elopement requirements.-Facilities are 3. 482 required to conduct a minimum of two resident elopement 483 prevention and response drills per year. All administrators and 484 direct care staff must participate in the drills which shall 485 include a review of procedures to address resident elopement. 486 Facilities must document the implementation of the drills and 487 ensure that the drills are conducted in a manner consistent with 488 the facility's resident elopement policies and procedures. 4. An operational emergency power source and a supply of 489 490 fuel to sustain the emergency power source for at least 4 days 491 during a power outage. A facility may contract with a company to 492 provide an emergency power source or fuel when requested by the 493 facility, or may store an emergency power source and a supply of 494 fuel on site. The emergency power source must provide enough 495 energy to: 496 a. Consistently maintain an ambient air temperature of 81 497 degrees Fahrenheit or below in at least one area of the facility 498 that has enough space to safely hold all of the facility's 499 residents; and

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502 Section 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 503 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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