

# CHAPTER 98-120

## Senate Bill No. 1232

An act relating to rulemaking authority of the Agency for Health Care Administration (RAB); amending s. 408.08, F.S.; authorizing the agency to adopt rules under which health care facilities may be granted extensions of deadlines for filing certain reports; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 408.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

408.08 Inspections and audits; violations; penalties; fines; enforcement.—

(13) Any health care facility that refuses to file a report, fails to timely file a report, files a false report, or files an incomplete report and upon notification fails to timely file a complete report required under this section and s. 408.061; that violates any provision of this section, s. 408.061, or s. 408.20, or rule adopted thereunder; or that fails to provide documents or records requested by the agency under the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 per day for each day in violation, to be imposed and collected by the agency. Pursuant to rules adopted by the agency, the agency may, upon a showing of good cause, grant a one-time extension of any deadline for a health care facility to timely file a report as required by this section, s. 408.061, s. 408.072, or s. 408.20.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 22, 1998.

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