

## Senate Bill No. 1538

An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 627.6515 and 766.1015, F.S., to conform to the directive in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes without substantive change in legal effect.

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

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 627.6515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.6515 Out-of-state groups.—

(9) Any insured shall be able to terminate membership or affiliation with the group to whom the master policy is issued. An insured that elects to terminate his or her membership or affiliation with the group shall provide written notice to the insurer. Upon providing the written notice, the member shall be entitled to the rights and options provided by s. 627.6675.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 766.1015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

766.1015 Civil immunity for members of or consultants to certain boards, committees, or other entities.—

(1) Each member of, or health care professional consultant to, any committee, board, group, commission, or other entity shall be immune from civil liability for any act, decision, omission, or utterance done or made in performance of his or her duties while serving as a member of or consultant to such committee, board, group, commission, or other entity established and operated for purposes of quality improvement review, evaluation, and planning in a state-licensed health care facility. Such entities must function primarily to review, evaluate, or make recommendations relating to:

- (a) The duration of patient stays in health care facilities;
- (b) The professional services furnished with respect to the medical, dental, psychological, podiatric, chiropractic, or optometric necessity for such services;
- (c) The purpose of promoting the most efficient use of available health care facilities and services;
- (d) The adequacy or quality of professional services;
- (e) The competency and qualifications for professional staff privileges;
- (f) The reasonableness or appropriateness of charges made by or on behalf of health care facilities; or

(g) Patient safety, including entering into contracts with patient safety organizations.

Reviser's note.—Amended pursuant to the directive of the Legislature in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes without substantive change in legal effect.

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