

Senate Bill No. 2634

An act relating to hospice facility construction; amending s. 400.6051, F.S.; providing for review of construction plans by the Agency for Health Care Administration; authorizing the agency to charge fees for such review; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 400.6051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.6051 Construction and renovation; requirements.—

(1) The requirements for the construction and the renovation of a hospice residential or inpatient facility or unit must comply with the provisions of chapter 553 which pertain to building construction standards, including plumbing, electrical code, glass, manufactured buildings, accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the state minimum building codes. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall provide technical assistance to the Florida Building Commission in updating the construction standards of the Florida Building Code which govern hospice facilities.

(2) Upon request by the prospective licensee of an inpatient hospice facility, the agency may provide an informal review of a facility prior to construction in order to assist the facility in complying with agency rules and this part.

(3) The agency may charge a fee that is commensurate with the cost of providing consultation under this section and that is not refundable.

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

Approved by the Governor June 27, 2007.

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