

CHAPTER 2017-144

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 863

An act relating to hospice services; amending s. 408.036, F.S.; exempting certain hospice services in a not-for-profit retirement community from specified review and application requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 408.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

408.036 Projects subject to review; exemptions.—

(3) EXEMPTIONS.—Upon request, the following projects are subject to exemption from the provisions of subsection (1):

(a) For hospice services or for swing beds in a rural hospital, as defined in s. 395.602, in a number that does not exceed one-half of its licensed beds, or for a hospice program established by an entity that shares a controlling interest, as defined in s. 408.803, with a not-for-profit retirement community that offers independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing services provided in a facility on the same premises and designated by the agency as a teaching nursing home for a minimum of 5 years, in accordance with s. 430.80.

Only one hospice program per teaching nursing home may be established under the exemption in this paragraph, and such program shall be limited to serving patients residing in communities located within the not-for-profit retirement community, including home and community-based service providers.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2017.

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