

ALF MODERNIZATION BILL PASSES

CS/CS/HB 767 Modernizes, Empowers and Strengthens Senior Living

Florida Senior Living Association thanks the Florida Legislature for passing CS/CS/HB 767, Assisted Living Facilities. The bill was sponsored in the Florida House of Representatives by Rep. Michael Grant (R-75) and in the Senate by Sen. Gayle Harrell (R-25). The bill provides policy-driven direction that modernizes seniors' assisted living experience, empowers seniors with stronger consumer protections to better manage their care, and strengthens facilities' ability to serve seniors as residential models with a health care overlay in a nationally competitive service industry. The bill received unanimous support from the House (119-0) and the Senate (39-0).

Modernizes seniors' assisted living experience:

- Authorizes resident use of assistive devices that helps residents perform daily living activities. Seniors use these assistive devices in their own home, and they want to continue to use them in their assisted living home.
- Authorizes the use of technological advances in devices and equipment to further strengthen resident care, safety and security (e.g., wander management).
- Use of these kinds of technology can also help reduce on-the-job staff injuries (e.g., caregivers working in senior living facilities are 3 times more likely to be injured at work than other industries).

Empowers seniors with stronger consumer protections to better manage their care:

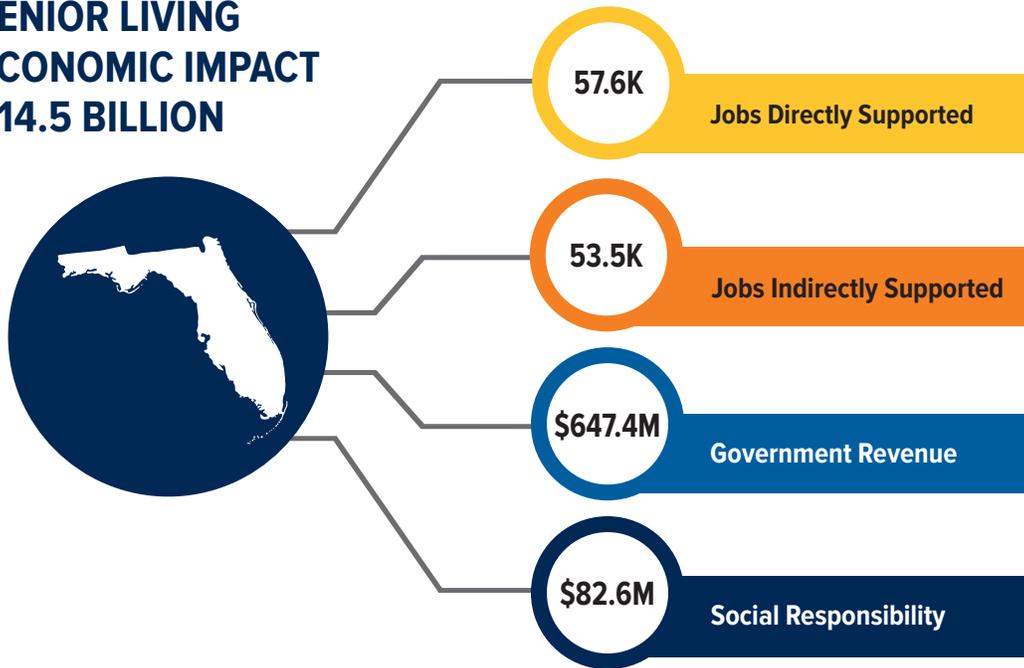
- Limits uses of the medical admission examination form to informative purposes.
- Empowers residents to choose how they are assisted with the self-administration of their medicines so that they are in control of their own privacy.
- Allows residents, if all other admission conditions are met, to be admitted to the facility if receiving hospice services. Currently, a senior at home must disenroll from hospice, be admitted to the facility, and then re-enroll in hospice.

Strengthens facilities' ability to serve seniors as residential models with a health care overlay in a nationally competitive service industry:

- Requires facilities to be notified 3 days before final adverse incident reports are due. Prohibits the agency from acting against a facility for failing to withdraw a preliminary report or file the final report until the 3-day notice is provided.
- Allows more efficient operations by avoiding duplicative regulatory provisions and providing flexibility when experiencing delays from local government planning review.

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SENIOR LIVING ECONOMIC IMPACT \$14.5 BILLION



TOP INDUSTRIES IMPACTED



IMPACT COMPARISONS

- Air Transportation
\$16.6 Billion
- Accounting
\$10 Billion
- Hotels and Motels
\$14 Billion
- Electric Power Distribution
\$10 Billion

Source: Argentum engaged Tripp Umbach to measure the economic, employment, government revenue, industry, and social responsibility impacts of senior living communities at the national level and in each state. For the purposes of this study, "senior living" is defined as independent living, assisted living, memory care, and continuing care retirement communities. Skilled nursing facilities are not factored into the calculations. Economic and employment impact measures dollars and jobs generated within the region because of senior living communities. This includes spending on goods and services with a variety of suppliers within the state and their employees, spending of staff and visitors, and business volume and jobs generated by businesses within the region that benefit from senior living's spending. Data sources included Tripp Umbach internal data, IMPLAN datasets, National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and AARP. Impacts were formulated using IMPLAN software. IMPLAN data and accounts closely follow the accounting conventions used in the "Input/Output Study of the U.S. Economy" by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the rectangular format recommended by the United Nations. Publication was made possible through MatrixCare.