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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to responsibilities of health care facilities; repealing s. 383.336, F.S., relating to practice parameters for physicians performing caesarean section deliveries in provider hospitals; amending s. 395.1051, F.S.; requiring a hospital to notify obstetrical physicians before the hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide obstetrical services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 383.336, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Section 395.1051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

395.1051 Duty to notify patients and physicians.-

- (1) An appropriately trained person designated by each licensed facility shall inform each patient, or an individual identified pursuant to s. 765.401(1), in person about adverse incidents that result in serious harm to the patient.

 Notification of outcomes of care which that result in harm to the patient under this section does shall not constitute an acknowledgment or admission of liability and may not, nor can it be introduced as evidence.
- (2) A hospital shall notify each obstetrical physician who has privileges at the hospital at least 120 days before the

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27 <u>hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide</u> 28 obstetrical services.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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