

# Florida Assisted Living Association

## Legislative Update

April 25, 2008

### Almost Done - One More Week!

Last Friday, when the update went out, the House was still in session. And they were in session until almost 2:30am Saturday morning as each bill taken up was read word by word. What caused this little-known clause of the Florida Constitution to be inacted was a protest by the House Democrats over an amendment offered on a bill which Republican leadership refused to hear. Typically bills are normally read by number and title only unless they are extremely brief.

We move now to the final week of session. Both Houses must now pass the budget and send it to Governor Crist.

### House Bill 1401/Senate Bill 2216

*Sponsored by Rep. Hugh Gibson (R-The Villages)/Senator Ronda Storms (R-Brandon)*

[House Bill 1401](#) has now been replaced by Senate Bill 2216 and was amended today on the House floor. The language in Senate Bill 2216 has been amended and now is identical to the text from House Bill 1401. The bill has now rolled over to third reading. After third reading, the House members will vote on the bill and it will then go back to the Senate. Once it is back in the Senate, it can be amended but if it is, then it will have to travel back to the House. Both Houses will have to concur on the language of the bill for it to be enrolled and sent to the Governor.

### Other Bills on the Tracking List

[House Bill 0153](#) sponsored by Rep. Cusack (D-Deland)  
HIV/AIDS Education glitch bill

The House Bill has now been replaced with the Senate companion Bill 0646. This bill has been passed by both Houses and has been sent to the Governor for signature.

[House Bill 1283](#) sponsored by Rep. Cannon (R-Winter Park)  
Ad Valorem Tax Assessment Value Challenges

This bill has passed the House and is now awaiting to be heard in the Senate.

[Senate Bill 1668](#) sponsored by Sen. Jones (R-Seminole)

Transparency bill - requires additional information be submitted with license applications. Companion bill is House Bill 1335. There has been no more activity on either bill and unless something unusual happens the bills will die in committee

### Legislative Session Summary

We will be scheduling a conference call once session adjourns to provide an overview of session. The notification will be sent once we have set a date and time.

This call is a "*Members Only*" benefit and is for members in good standing only. If you would like to participate, please contact me by email at [patl@falamail.org](mailto:patl@falamail.org) for the call in number and passcode.

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