

# GOVERNOR SIGNS INTO LAW 3 BILLS AFFECTING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSEES

**THE BILLS:** Effective July 1, the following bills are in force and may affect your license:

HB 587  
SB 1408  
HB 699

**FINDING THE BILLS ON LINE:** To read the full text, go to: [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov) and enter the bill number in the search box to the left of the screen. At the next screen select the “ER” version under the “Bills” tab.

**SUMMARY OF BILLS:** The following are brief summaries and are not a substitute for reading the full bill text. Please go to the above listed web site and read the full bill text:

**BILL #1.** HB 587-Relating to Health Care Practitioners/Licensees:

All health care licensees must provide notice to patients of what type of license the health care provider has (e.g., Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Medical Doctor, Dentist, ARNP, Physician Assistant, Dentist, etc):

- A name tag meets the requirement,
- An oral notice to patient meets the requirement,
- Advertisement must include this notice as well,
- Exemptions apply to Chapter 394, 395, and 400 facilities, and
- Boards may promulgate rules to further define compliance with the statute.

**BILL # 2.** HB 699-Relating to Health Care Practitioners:

Continuing education requirements for occupational therapy licenses are changed as follows:

- HIV/AIDS CE is no longer required for initial licensure,
- HIV/AIDS CE requirement to be completed prior to the first renewal (specifics to be determined by rule at a later date).

Section 456.033, F.S. (HB699 - 2006 legislative session) does not exempt a licensee from the requirement included in Section 381.0035, Florida Statutes for HIV/AIDS education.

**BILL # 3.** SB 1408 Relating to Medical Records

- Defines the term “records custodian”.

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THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR PRACTICE**