

By the Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations
and Representative Sanderson

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the
3 Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund within the
4 Department of Health without modification;
5 carrying forward current balances and
6 continuing current sources and uses thereof;
7 amending s. 20.435, F.S.; abrogating future
8 termination of the trust fund; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of
12 the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund within the Department
13 of Health, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated
14 pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund
16 before its scheduled termination date and has found that it
17 continues to meet an important public purpose, and

18 WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public
19 policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for
20 its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 Section 1. (1) The Medical Quality Assurance Trust
25 Fund within the Department of Health, FLAIR number 64-2-352,
26 which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article
27 III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2001, is re-created.

28 (2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried
29 forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund
30 are continued.

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1 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
2 20.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
3 20.435 Department of Health; trust funds.--
4 (1) The following trust funds are hereby created, to
5 be administered by the Department of Health:
6 (d) Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund.
7 1. Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall
8 consist of fees and fines related to the licensing of health
9 care professionals. Funds shall be used for the purpose of
10 providing administrative support for the regulation of health
11 care professionals and for other such purposes as may be
12 appropriate and shall be expended only pursuant to legislative
13 appropriation or an approved amendment to the department's
14 operating budget pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216.
15 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
16 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the
17 end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the
18 end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the
19 purposes of the trust fund.
20 ~~3. The trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be~~
21 ~~terminated on July 1, 2001.~~
22 Section 3. This act shall take effect November 4,
23 2000.
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26 SENATE SUMMARY
27 Re-creates the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund
28 within the Department of Health.
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