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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 27, between lines 18 and 19,

insert:

Section 13. Subsection (7) of section 456.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.025 Fees; receipts; disposition.--

(7) Each board, or the department if there is no board, shall establish, by rule, a fee not to exceed \$250 for anyone seeking approval to provide continuing education courses or programs and shall establish by rule a biennial renewal fee not to exceed \$250 for the renewal of providership of such courses. The fees collected from continuing education providers shall be used for the purposes of reviewing course provider applications, monitoring the integrity of the courses provided, and covering legal expenses incurred as a result of not granting or renewing a providership, ~~and developing and maintaining an electronic continuing education tracking system. The department shall implement an electronic~~

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1 ~~continuing education tracking system for each new biennial~~
2 ~~renewal cycle for which electronic renewals are implemented~~
3 ~~after the effective date of this act and shall integrate such~~
4 ~~system into the licensure and renewal system. All approved~~
5 ~~continuing education providers shall provide information on~~
6 ~~course attendance to the department necessary to implement the~~
7 ~~electronic tracking system. The department shall, by rule,~~
8 ~~specify the form and procedures by which the information is to~~
9 ~~be submitted.~~

10 Section 14. Section 456.0251, Florida Statutes, is
11 created to read:

12 456.0251 Continuing education.--

13 (1) Unless otherwise provided in a profession's
14 practice act, each board, or the department if there is no
15 board, shall establish by rule procedures for approval of
16 continuing education courses for renewal of licenses. Except
17 for those continuing education courses whose subjects are
18 prescribed by law, each board, or the department if there is
19 no board, may limit by rule the subject matter for approved
20 continuing education courses to courses addressing the scope
21 of practice of each respective health care profession.

22 (2) Licensees who have not completed all of the
23 continuing education credits required for licensure during a
24 biennium may obtain an extension of 3 months from the date
25 after the end of the license renewal biennium within which to
26 complete the requisite hours for license renewal. Each board,
27 or the department if there is no board, shall establish by
28 rule procedures for requesting a 3-month extension and whether
29 proof of completion of some approved hours of continuing
30 education are required to be submitted with the request for
31 extension as a prerequisite for granting the request.

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1 (3) Failure to complete the requisite number of hours
2 of continuing education hours within a license renewal
3 biennium or within a 3-month period from the date after the
4 end of the license renewal biennium, if requested, shall be
5 grounds for issuance of a citation and a fine, plus a
6 requirement that at least the deficit hours are completed
7 within a time established by rule of each board, or the
8 department if there is no board. Each board, or the department
9 if there is no board, shall establish by rule a fine for each
10 continuing education hour which was not completed within the
11 license renewal biennium or the 3-month period following the
12 last day of the biennium if so requested, not to exceed \$500
13 per each hour not completed. The issuance of the citation and
14 fine shall not be considered discipline. A citation and a fine
15 issued under this subsection may only be issued to a licensee
16 a maximum of two times for two separate failures to complete
17 the requisite number of hours for license renewal.

18 (4) The department shall report to each board no later
19 than 3 months following the last day of the license renewal
20 biennium the percentage of licensees regulated by that board
21 who have not timely complied with the continuing education
22 requirements during the previous license renewal biennium for
23 which auditing of licensees regulated by that board are
24 completed. Each board shall direct the department the
25 percentage of licensees regulated by that board that are to be
26 audited during the next license renewal biennium. In addition
27 to the percentage of licensees audited as directed by the
28 boards, the department shall audit those licensees found to be
29 deficient during any of the two license renewal bienniums.

30 Section 15. Paragraph (ff) is added to subsection (1)
31 of section 456.072, Florida Statutes, to read:

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1 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties;
2 enforcement.--

3 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for
4 which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may
5 be taken:

6 (ff) Failure for a third or more times to complete the
7 requisite number of hours of continuing education hours within
8 a license renewal biennium period or within a 3-month period
9 from the date after the end of the license renewal biennium,
10 if the extension was requested.

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12 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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15 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 On page 1, lines 2 and 3, delete those lines

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19 and insert:

20 An act relating to health care practitioners;
21 amending s. 456.025, F.S.; deleting
22 requirements for the Department of Health to
23 administer an electronic continuing education
24 tracking system for health care practitioners;
25 creating s. 456.0251, F.S.; providing for
26 enforcement of continuing education
27 requirements required for license renewal;
28 authorizing citations and fines to be imposed
29 for failure to comply with required continuing
30 education requirements; amending s. 456.072,
31 F.S.; providing for discipline of licensees who

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fail to meet continuing education requirements
as a prerequisite for license renewal three or
more times; creating s. 381.03015,