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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 2, between lines 4 and 5,

insert:

Section 2. Section 456.0251, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

456.0251 Continuing education.--

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

(2) Licensees who have not completed all of the continuing education credits required for licensure during a biennium may obtain an extension of 3 months from the date

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1 after the end of the license renewal biennium within which to  
2 complete the requisite hours for license renewal. Each board,  
3 or the department if there is no board, shall establish by  
4 rule procedures for requesting a 3-month extension and whether  
5 proof of completion of some approved hours of continuing  
6 education are required to be submitted with the request for  
7 extension as a prerequisite for granting the request.

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

25       (4) The department shall report to each board no later  
26 than 3 months following the last day of the license renewal  
27 biennium the percentage of licensees regulated by that board  
28 who have not timely complied with the continuing education  
29 requirements during the previous license renewal biennium for  
30 which auditing of licensees regulated by that board are  
31 completed. Each board shall direct the department the

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1 percentage of licensees regulated by that board that are to be  
2 audited during the next license renewal biennium. In addition  
3 to the percentage of licensees audited as directed by the  
4 boards, the department shall audit those licensees found to be  
5 deficient during any of the two license renewal bienniums.

6 Section 3. Paragraph (ff) is added to subsection (1)  
7 of section 456.072, Florida Statutes, to read:

8 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties;  
9 enforcement.--

10 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for  
11 which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may  
12 be taken:

13 (ff) Failure for a third or more times to complete the  
14 requisite number of hours of continuing education hours within  
15 a license renewal biennium period or within a 3-month period  
16 from the date after the end of the license renewal biennium,  
17 if the extension was requested.

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19 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, line 7, after the semicolon,

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26 insert:

27 creating s. 456.0251, F.S.; providing for  
28 enforcement of continuing education  
29 requirements required for license renewal;  
30 authorizing citations and fines to be imposed  
31 for failure to comply with required continuing

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1 education requirements; amending s. 456.072,  
2 F.S.; providing for discipline of licensees who  
3 fail to meet continuing education requirements  
4 as a prerequisite for license renewal three or  
5 more times;

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