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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 59, between lines 13 and 14,

insert:

Section 24. Subsections (4), (7), and (9) of section 456.025, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

456.025 Fees; receipts; disposition.--

(4) Each board, or the department if there is no board, may charge a fee not to exceed \$25, as determined by rule, for the issuance of a wall certificate pursuant to s. 456.013(3) ~~s. 456.013(2)~~ requested by a licensee who was licensed prior to July 1, 1998, or for the issuance of a duplicate wall certificate requested by any licensee.

(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

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1 providers shall be used for the purposes of reviewing course
 2 provider applications, monitoring the integrity of the courses
 3 provided, and covering legal expenses incurred as a result of
 4 not granting or renewing a providership, ~~and developing and~~
 5 ~~maintaining an electronic continuing education tracking~~
 6 ~~system. The department shall implement an electronic~~
 7 ~~continuing education tracking system for each new biennial~~
 8 ~~renewal cycle for which electronic renewals are implemented~~
 9 ~~after the effective date of this act and shall integrate such~~
 10 ~~system into the licensure and renewal system. All approved~~
 11 ~~continuing education providers shall provide information on~~
 12 ~~course attendance to the department necessary to implement the~~
 13 ~~electronic tracking system. The department shall, by rule,~~
 14 ~~specify the form and procedures by which the information is to~~
 15 ~~be submitted.~~

16 (9) The department shall provide a ~~condensed~~
 17 management report of revenues and expenditures, performance
 18 measures, and recommendations, if needed, to each board at
 19 least once each quarter budgets, finances, performance
 20 ~~statistics, and recommendations to each board at least once a~~
 21 ~~quarter. The department shall identify and include in such~~
 22 ~~presentations any changes, or projected changes, made to the~~
 23 ~~board's budget since the last presentation.~~

24 Section 25. Section 456.0251, Florida Statutes, is
 25 created to read:

26 456.0251 Continuing education.--

27 (1) Unless otherwise provided in a profession's
 28 practice act, each board, or the department if there is no
 29 board, shall establish by rule procedures for approval of
 30 continuing education providers and continuing education
 31 courses for renewal of licenses. Except for those continuing

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1 education courses whose subjects are prescribed by law, each
2 board, or the department if there is no board, may limit by
3 rule the subject matter for approved continuing education
4 courses to courses addressing the scope of practice of each
5 respective health care profession.

6 (2) Licensees who have not completed all of the
7 continuing education credits required for licensure during a
8 biennium may obtain an extension of 3 months from the date
9 after the end of the license renewal biennium within which to
10 complete the requisite hours for license renewal. Each board,
11 or the department if there is no board, shall establish by
12 rule procedures for requesting a 3-month extension and whether
13 proof of completion of some approved hours of continuing
14 education are required to be submitted with the request for
15 extension as a prerequisite for granting the request.

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

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1 the requisite number of hours for license renewal.
2 (4) The department shall report to each board no later
3 than 3 months following the last day of the license renewal
4 biennium the percentage of licensees regulated by that board
5 who have not timely complied with the continuing education
6 requirements during the previous license renewal biennium for
7 which auditing of licensees regulated by that board are
8 completed. Each board shall direct the department the
9 percentage of licensees regulated by that board that are to be
10 audited during the next license renewal biennium. In addition
11 to the percentage of licensees audited as directed by the
12 boards, the department shall audit those licensees found to be
13 deficient during any of the two license renewal bienniums.

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15 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 On page 6, line 12, after the semicolon,
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22 insert:
23 deleting requirements for the Department of
24 Health to administer an electronic continuing
25 education tracking system for health care
26 practitioners; creating s. 456.0251, F.S.;

27 providing for enforcement of continuing
28 education requirements required for license
29 renewal; authorizing citations and fines to be
30 imposed for failure to comply with required
31 continuing education requirements;