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The Committee on Domestic Security (Wilson) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 1, line 25, through  
page 2, line 20, delete those lines

and insert:

(2) By July 1, 2006, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall commence implementation of a 2-year pilot program to provide the capability for increasing the capacity of emergency electrical power systems of nursing home facilities. To participate in the pilot program a nursing home facility must:

(a) Be located in Broward County, Collier County, Dade County, Monroe County, or Palm Beach County;

(b) Not be located within a hurricane-evacuation zone;

(c) Not have been cited for a class I deficiency within the 30 months preceding the commencement date of implementation of the pilot program; and

(d) Be capable of accepting and agree to accept at

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1 least 30 residents who are transferred from other nursing home  
2 facilities pursuant to applicable life safety and firesafety  
3 laws as determined by the agency. During any such evacuation,  
4 the facility from which the residents are transferred shall  
5 provide the receiving facility with the staff required to care  
6 for the transferred residents.

7       (3)(a) A nursing home facility must notify the Agency  
8 for Health Care Administration if it seeks to participate in  
9 the pilot program. If a facility providing such a notice meets  
10 the criteria in subsection (2) and funds are available as  
11 specified in paragraph (b), the agency shall reimburse the  
12 facility for the costs incurred to install a permanent,  
13 predesigned electrical service entry that will allow a quick  
14 connection to a temporary electrical generator. The connection  
15 must be installed inside a permanent metal enclosure that is  
16 rated as suitable for the purpose of providing such an entry,  
17 may be located on the exterior of the building, and must be  
18 adequate to allow the operation of the facility under normal  
19 conditions. Before any such reimbursement, the facility must  
20 provide the agency with documentation that the installation is  
21 complete and the electrical work associated with the  
22 installation was performed by a certified electrical  
23 contractor.

24       (b) Reimbursement to a facility under paragraph (a) is  
25 available to the extent that funds are appropriated for each  
26 of the 2 years of the pilot program. Funds shall be provided  
27 to eligible facilities on a first-come, first-served basis.

28       (4) A nursing home facility that participates and is  
29 reimbursed for an installation under the pilot program shall  
30 ensure the proper safekeeping and maintenance of the  
31 installation and allow the Agency for Health Care

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1 Administration access as needed to inspect the installation.

2 (5) This section does not require a nursing home  
3 facility to participate in the pilot program or to modify the  
4 capacity of its existing emergency electrical power system.  
5 However, if the existing emergency electrical power system of  
6 a nursing home facility is modified as part of an installation  
7 for which reimbursement is provided under subsection (3), such  
8 system must comply with all current codes and standards.

9 (6) The Agency for Health Care Administration may  
10 adopt rules to administer this section.

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12 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 On page 1, lines 5-10, delete those lines

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19 and insert:

20 Health Care Administration to commence a pilot  
21 program to increase the emergency electrical  
22 power capacity of nursing home facilities by  
23 reimbursing such facilities for the costs of  
24 installing a permanent connection for a  
25 generator; providing eligibility criteria for  
26 reimbursement; authorizing the agency to adopt  
27 rules;

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