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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to nursing home facilities;  
creating s. 400.0627, F.S.; providing  
legislative intent; requiring the Agency for  
Health Care Administration to reimburse nursing  
home facilities for the cost of building or  
modifying their emergency electrical power  
systems to fully operate during and after an  
emergency; providing eligibility criteria for  
reimbursement; providing an appropriation;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 400.0627, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

400.0627 Emergency electric power system capacity.--

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that each  
nursing home facility in this state be encouraged to have an  
emergency electrical power system capacity that is sufficient  
to remain fully operational during and after an emergency in  
order to maintain the safety and health of the residents of  
the nursing home facility and, if necessary, to provide care  
to residents evacuated from other nursing home facilities.

(2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
reimburse an eligible nursing home facility for the costs of  
building or modifying its emergency electrical power system  
capacity to fully operate the facility during and after an  
emergency. To be eligible for reimbursement, a nursing home  
facility must:

1           (a) Not have been cited for any class I deficiency  
2 within the 30 months preceding the application for  
3 reimbursement;

4           (b) Not be located within the hurricane evacuation  
5 zone of the county in which it is located;

6           (c) Have the capacity, as determined by the agency, to  
7 care for residents evacuated from other nursing home  
8 facilities during an emergency; and

9           (d) Agree to receive residents who are transferred  
10 from other nursing home facilities.

11           (3) This section does not require a nursing home  
12 facility to modify its existing emergency electrical power  
13 system capacity.

14           Section 2. The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is appropriated from  
15 the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for Health Care  
16 Administration for the purpose of reimbursing eligible nursing  
17 home facilities for the costs of building or modifying their  
18 emergency electrical power system capacity to fully operate  
19 the facility during and after an emergency during the  
20 2006-2007 fiscal year.

21           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
22 law.

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25 SENATE SUMMARY

26 Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
27 reimburse a nursing home facility for the cost of  
28 building or modifying the emergency electrical power  
29 system in order to operate during and after an emergency.  
30 Provides eligibility criteria for reimbursement. Provides  
31 an appropriation.