

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Public Medical Assistance Trust
 3 Fund; amending s. 395.701, F.S.; reducing an annual
 4 assessment imposed on certain revenues of hospitals'
 5 outpatient services; providing for future repeal of such
 6 assessment; amending s. 395.7015, F.S.; reducing an annual
 7 assessment imposed on certain revenues of health care
 8 entities; providing for future repeal of such assessment;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 14 395.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 395.701 Annual assessments on net operating revenues for
 16 inpatient and outpatient services to fund public medical
 17 assistance; administrative fines for failure to pay assessments
 18 when due; exemption.--

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20 (b) Effective July 1, 2006, there is imposed upon each
 21 hospital an assessment in an amount equal to 0.5 ± percent of
 22 the annual net operating revenue for outpatient services for
 23 each hospital, such revenue to be determined by the agency,
 24 based on the actual experience of the hospital as reported to
 25 the agency. While prior year report worksheets may be reconciled
 26 to the hospital's audited financial statements, no additional
 27 audited financial components may be required for the purposes of
 28 determining the amount of the assessment imposed pursuant to

29 | this section other than those in effect on July 1, 2000. Within
 30 | 6 months after the end of each hospital fiscal year, the agency
 31 | shall certify the amount of the assessment for each hospital.
 32 | The assessment shall be payable to and collected by the agency
 33 | in equal quarterly amounts, on or before the first day of each
 34 | calendar quarter, beginning with the first full calendar quarter
 35 | that occurs after the agency certifies the amount of the
 36 | assessment for each hospital. All moneys collected pursuant to
 37 | this subsection shall be deposited into the Public Medical
 38 | Assistance Trust Fund. This paragraph shall be repealed
 39 | effective July 1, 2007.

40 | Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 41 | 395.7015, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is
 42 | added to that section, to read:

43 | 395.7015 Annual assessment on health care entities.--

44 | (2) There is imposed an annual assessment against certain
 45 | health care entities as described in this section:

46 | (a) Effective July 1, 2006, the assessment shall be equal
 47 | to 0.5 ± percent of the annual net operating revenues of health
 48 | care entities. The assessment shall be payable to and collected
 49 | by the agency. Assessments shall be based on annual net
 50 | operating revenues for the entity's most recently completed
 51 | fiscal year as provided in subsection (3).

52 | (6) This section shall be repealed effective July 1, 2007.

53 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.