

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to nursing home facilities; creating s.
 3 400.0627, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring
 4 the Agency for Health Care Administration to reimburse
 5 nursing home facilities for the cost of building or
 6 modifying their emergency electrical power systems to
 7 fully operate during and after an emergency; providing
 8 eligibility criteria for reimbursement; providing an
 9 appropriation; 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. Section 400.0627, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 400.0627 Emergency electrical power system capacity.--

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

23 (2) The agency shall reimburse an eligible nursing home
 24 facility for the costs of building or modifying its emergency
 25 electrical power system capacity to fully operate the facility
 26 during and after an emergency. To be eligible for reimbursement,
 27 a nursing home facility must:

28 (a) Not have been cited for any class I deficiency within

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29 the 30 months preceding the application for reimbursement;
 30 (b) Not be located within the hurricane evacuation zone of
 31 the county in which it is located;
 32 (c) Have the capacity, as determined by the agency, to
 33 care for residents evacuated from other nursing home facilities
 34 during an emergency; and
 35 (d) Agree to receive residents who are transferred from
 36 other nursing home facilities.
 37 (3) This section does not require a nursing home facility
 38 to modify its existing emergency electrical power system
 39 capacity.
 40 Section 2. The sum of \$ _____ is appropriated from the
 41 General Revenue Fund to the Agency for Health Care
 42 Administration for the purpose of reimbursing eligible nursing
 43 home facilities for the costs of building or modifying their
 44 emergency electrical power system capacity to fully operate the
 45 facility during and after an emergency during the 2006-2007
 46 fiscal year.
 47 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.