

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s.
 3 20.43, F.S.; designating the State Surgeon General as the
 4 head of the Department of Health; providing requirements
 5 of the position; providing duties for the State Surgeon
 6 General; amending s. 381.0605, F.S.; conforming
 7 references; directing the Division of Statutory Revision
 8 to make conforming changes to the Florida Statutes;
 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. Subsections (2), (5), and (6) of section 20.43,
 14 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 20.43 Department of Health.--There is created a Department
 16 of Health.

17 (2) (a) The head of the Department of Health is the State
 18 Surgeon General ~~Secretary of Health~~ and State Health Officer.
 19 The State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ must be a physician licensed
 20 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 who has advanced training or
 21 extensive experience in public health administration. The State
 22 Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ is appointed by the Governor subject
 23 to confirmation by the Senate. The State Surgeon General
 24 ~~secretary~~ serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The State
 25 Surgeon General shall serve as the leading voice on wellness and
 26 disease-prevention efforts, including the promotion of healthy
 27 lifestyles, immunization practices, health literacy, and the
 28 assessment and promotion of the physician and health care

29 workforce in order to meet the health care needs of the state.
30 The State Surgeon General shall focus on advocating healthy
31 lifestyles, developing public health policy, and building
32 collaborative partnerships with schools, businesses, health care
33 practitioners, community-based organizations, and public and
34 private institutions in order to promote the optimum quality of
35 life for all Floridians.

36 (b) The Officer of Women's Health Strategy is established
37 within the Department of Health and shall report directly to the
38 State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~.

39 (5) The department shall plan and administer its public
40 health programs through its county health departments and may,
41 for administrative purposes and efficient service delivery,
42 establish up to 15 service areas to carry out such duties as may
43 be prescribed by the State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~. The
44 boundaries of the service areas shall be the same as, or
45 combinations of, the service districts of the Department of
46 Children and Family Services established in s. 20.19 and, to the
47 extent practicable, shall take into consideration the boundaries
48 of the jobs and education regional boards.

49 (6) The State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ and division
50 directors are authorized to appoint ad hoc advisory committees
51 as necessary. The issue or problem that the ad hoc committee
52 shall address, and the timeframe within which the committee is
53 to complete its work, shall be specified at the time the
54 committee is appointed. Ad hoc advisory committees shall include
55 representatives of groups or entities affected by the issue or
56 problem that the committee is asked to examine. Members of ad

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57 | hoc advisory committees shall receive no compensation, but may,
58 | within existing departmental resources, receive reimbursement
59 | for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

60 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 381.0605, Florida
61 | Statutes, is amended to read:

62 | 381.0605 Survey of state hospital facilities; Agency for
63 | Health Care Administration.--

64 | (2) The Governor is authorized to provide for carrying out
65 | such purposes in accordance with the standards prescribed by the
66 | Surgeon General of the United States.

67 | Section 3. The Division of Statutory Revision of the
68 | Office of Legislative Services is requested to prepare a
69 | reviser's bill for introduction at a subsequent session of the
70 | Legislature to change "Secretary of Health" or "Secretary of the
71 | Department of Health" to "State Surgeon General" and change
72 | "secretary," with respect to that department, to "surgeon
73 | general" wherever the same appears in Florida Statutes.

74 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.