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2 An act relating to the Department of Health;  
3 amending s. 20.43, F.S.; deleting the  
4 designation of Secretary of Health and  
5 including the designation of State Surgeon  
6 General as the head of the Department of  
7 Health; providing requirements for the  
8 position; providing duties for the State  
9 Surgeon General; conforming references;  
10 amending s. 381.0605, F.S.; clarifying that the  
11 Surgeon General referred to in s. 381.0605,  
12 F.S., is the Surgeon General of the United  
13 States; requiring the Division of Statutory  
14 Revision of the Office of Legislative Services  
15 to change references to the Secretary of Health  
16 to the Surgeon General within the Florida  
17 Statutes; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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21 Section 1. Subsections (2), (5), and (6) of section  
22 20.43, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 20.43 Department of Health.--There is created a  
24 Department of Health.

25 (2)(a) The head of the Department of Health is the  
26 State Surgeon General ~~Secretary of Health~~ and State Health  
27 Officer. The State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ must be a  
28 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 who has  
29 advanced training or extensive experience in public health  
30 administration. The State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ is  
31 appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the

1 Senate. The State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ serves at the  
2 pleasure of the Governor. The State Surgeon General shall  
3 serve as the leading voice on wellness and disease-prevention  
4 efforts, including the promotion of healthful lifestyles,  
5 immunization practices, health literacy, and the assessment  
6 and promotion of the physician and health care workforce in  
7 order to meet the health care needs of the state. The State  
8 Surgeon General shall focus on advocating healthy lifestyles,  
9 developing public health policy, and building collaborative  
10 partnerships with schools, businesses, health care  
11 practitioners, community-based organizations, and public and  
12 private institutions in order to promote health literacy and  
13 optimum quality of life for all Floridians.

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

17 (5) The department shall plan and administer its  
18 public health programs through its county health departments  
19 and may, for administrative purposes and efficient service  
20 delivery, establish up to 15 service areas to carry out such  
21 duties as may be prescribed by the State Surgeon General  
22 ~~secretary~~. The boundaries of the service areas shall be the  
23 same as, or combinations of, the service districts of the  
24 Department of Children and Family Services established in s.  
25 20.19 and, to the extent practicable, shall take into  
26 consideration the boundaries of the jobs and education  
27 regional boards.

28 (6) The State Surgeon General ~~secretary~~ and division  
29 directors are authorized to appoint ad hoc advisory committees  
30 as necessary. The issue or problem that the ad hoc committee  
31 shall address, and the timeframe within which the committee is

1 to complete its work, shall be specified at the time the  
2 committee is appointed. Ad hoc advisory committees shall  
3 include representatives of groups or entities affected by the  
4 issue or problem that the committee is asked to examine.  
5 Members of ad hoc advisory committees shall receive no  
6 compensation, but may, within existing departmental resources,  
7 receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in s.  
8 112.061.

9 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 381.0605, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 381.0605 Survey of state hospital facilities; Agency  
12 for Health Care Administration.--

13 (2) The Governor is authorized to provide for carrying  
14 out such purposes in accordance with the standards prescribed  
15 by the Surgeon General of the United States.

16 Section 3. The Division of Statutory Revision of the  
17 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Secretary of  
18 Health" or "Secretary of the Department of Health" to "State  
19 Surgeon General" and change "secretary," with respect to that  
20 department, to "State Surgeon General" wherever the same  
21 appears in Florida Statutes.

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