

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to nursing licensing fees; amending s.  
 3           464.0195, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to  
 4           establish a special fee to be used for the Florida Center  
 5           for Nursing; requiring the special fee to be collected at  
 6           the issuance and renewal of the nursing licenses for  
 7           registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, clinical  
 8           nurse specialists, and advanced registered nurse  
 9           practitioners; providing for transfer of the fees from the  
 10          Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the department's  
 11          Grants and Donations Trust Fund; providing for use of the  
 12          fees; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 464.0195, Florida  
 17           Statutes, is amended to read:

18           464.0195   Florida Center for Nursing; goals.--

19           (3)   The department shall establish a special fee of \$3.50  
 20           per licensee to fund the continuing operation of the Florida  
 21           Center for Nursing. The special fee shall be assessed upon the  
 22           initial licensure and renewal of each license under this part.  
 23           The Board of Nursing shall include on its initial and renewal  
 24           application forms a question asking each ~~the~~ nurse to  
 25           voluntarily contribute to funding the Florida Center for Nursing  
 26           in addition to paying the fees imposed at the time of licensure  
 27           and licensure renewal. Revenues collected from the special fee  
 28           and the voluntary contributions from nurses over and above the

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29 | required fees shall be transferred from the Medical Quality  
30 | Assurance Trust Fund to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund  
31 | within the Department of Health and shall be used solely to  
32 | support and maintain the goals and functions of the center.

33 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.