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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Center for Nursing;
 3 amending s. 464.0195, F.S.; imposing a fee upon each nurse
 4 at initial licensure and licensure renewal to fund the
 5 Florida Center for Nursing; providing for transfer and use
 6 of the collected fees; providing an effective date.

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

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

12 464.0195 Florida Center for Nursing; goals; licensure
 13 fee.-

14 (3) In addition to the fees required for nursing
 15 licensure, a fee of \$5 shall be imposed and collected from each
 16 nurse at the time of initial licensure and licensure renewal to
 17 fund the Florida Center for Nursing. The Board of Nursing shall
 18 also include on its initial and renewal application forms a
 19 question asking each nurse to voluntarily contribute additional
 20 ~~to~~ funding to the ~~Florida~~ center beyond the required for Nursing
 21 ~~in addition to paying the~~ fees imposed at the time of licensure
 22 and licensure renewal. Revenues collected from the \$5 fee and
 23 from voluntary contributions collected from nurses beyond ~~over~~
 24 ~~and above~~ the required fees shall be transferred from the
 25 Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund to the Grants and Donations
 26 Trust Fund within the Department of Health and shall be used
 27 solely to support and maintain the goals and functions of the
 28 center. Before giving a nurse the opportunity to contribute to

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29 funding the center at the time of licensure renewal, the Board
30 of Nursing shall provide the nurse with a summary of the
31 center's work, a link to the center's Internet website, and the
32 following statement: "The Florida Center for Nursing's operating
33 revenues are derived in part from your donation. In order for
34 the Florida Center for Nursing to continue its work on behalf of
35 nurses, please donate."

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.