A bill to be entitled

An act relating to nursing home administration; amending s. 400.141, F.S.; requiring nursing homes to maintain certain malpractice insurance coverage; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (q) of subsection (1) of section 400.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.141 Administration and management of nursing home facilities.—

(1) Every licensed facility shall comply with all applicable standards and rules of the agency and shall:

(q) Maintain general and professional liability insurance coverage, and at least $1 million in medical malpractice insurance coverage as defined in s. 624.605(1)(k), that is in force at all times. In lieu of such coverage, a state-designated teaching nursing home and its affiliated assisted living facilities created under s. 430.80 may demonstrate proof of financial responsibility as provided in s. 430.80(3)(g).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.