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2 An act relating to patient funds held in trust by  
3 chiropractic physicians; amending s. 460.413, F.S.;  
4 deleting the limitation on the amount of patient funds  
5 a chiropractic physician may hold in trust for  
6 specified purposes; 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. Paragraph (y) of subsection (1) of section  
11 460.413, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 460.413 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by board or  
13 department.—

14 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a  
15 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

16 (y) Failing to preserve identity of funds and property of a  
17 patient, the value of which is greater than \$501. As provided by  
18 rule of the board, money or other property entrusted to a  
19 chiropractic physician for a specific purpose, including  
20 advances for costs and expenses of examination or treatment  
21 ~~which may not exceed the value of \$1,500~~, is to be held in trust  
22 and must be applied only to that purpose. Money and other  
23 property of patients coming into the hands of a chiropractic  
24 physician are not subject to counterclaim or setoff for  
25 chiropractic physician's fees, and a refusal to account for and  
26 deliver over such money and property upon demand shall be deemed  
27 a conversion. This is not to preclude the retention of money or  
28 other property upon which the chiropractic physician has a valid  
29 lien for services or to preclude the payment of agreed fees from

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30 the proceeds of transactions for examinations or treatments.  
31 Controversies as to the amount of the fees are not grounds for  
32 disciplinary proceedings unless the amount demanded is clearly  
33 excessive or extortionate, or the demand is fraudulent. All  
34 funds of patients paid to a chiropractic physician, other than  
35 advances for costs and expenses, shall be deposited into one or  
36 more identifiable bank accounts maintained in the state in which  
37 the chiropractic physician's office is situated, and funds  
38 belonging to the chiropractic physician may not be deposited  
39 therein except as follows:

40 1. Funds reasonably sufficient to pay bank charges may be  
41 deposited therein.

42 2. Funds belonging in part to a patient and in part  
43 presently or potentially to the physician must be deposited  
44 therein, but the portion belonging to the physician may be  
45 withdrawn when due unless the right of the physician to receive  
46 it is disputed by the patient, in which event the disputed  
47 portion may not be withdrawn until the dispute is finally  
48 resolved.

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50 Every chiropractic physician shall maintain complete records of  
51 all funds, securities, and other properties of a patient coming  
52 into the possession of the physician and render appropriate  
53 accounts to the patient regarding them. In addition, every  
54 chiropractic physician shall promptly pay or deliver to the  
55 patient, as requested by the patient, the funds, securities, or  
56 other properties in the possession of the physician which the  
57 patient is entitled to receive.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.