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11	Senator Gutman moved the following amendment to amendment
12	(723774):
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 346, between lines 5 and 6,
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17	insert:
18	Section 181. Section 464.0145, Florida Statutes, is
19	created to read:
20	464.0145 Licensure of foreign-trained or
21	foreign-licensed nurses
22	(1) The Legislature is aware of experienced,
23	foreign-trained and foreign-licensed practical and
24	professional nurses who lawfully reside in this state and who
25	desire to become licensed to practice their profession. It is
26	the goal of the Legislature to facilitate the licensing of
27	foreign-trained, duly-qualified professionals so that the
28	public receives the benefit of their services.
29	(2) Notwithstanding s. 464.009(1) and (2), the
30	department shall issue a license to practice professional
31	nursing or practical nursing to an applicant who:
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1 (a) Completes the application form and submits a fee 2 set by the board, not to exceed \$150. 3 4

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- (b) Demonstrates to the department through submission of documentation, or other evidence acceptable to the department, that the applicant:
 - 1. Graduated from a foreign school of nursing; or
- 2. Was licensed to practice professional nursing or practical nursing in another country.
- (c) Successfully completes a nursing-review program approved by the department and passes the examination administered by the school, college, or university that offers the nursing-review program.
 - (d) Demonstrates proficiency in English.
- (e) Provides sufficient information to the department for purposes of a statewide criminal-records check conducted by the Department of Law Enforcement.
- (f) Is in good mental and physical health and is of good moral character.
- (3) By December 31, 1998, the department shall develop a nursing-review program that complies with the intent and purpose of chapter 74-105, Laws of Florida.
- (4) If an applicant is unable to provide official documentation that verifies training or licensure in another country and provides a compelling reason why official documentation cannot be obtained, or if there is limited or no information on nursing education in the country of licensure, the applicant may prove training or licensure by presenting, in writing, substantial, detailed information on the educational program that the applicant attended or by providing at least three notarized statements from nurses currently licensed in this state who have personal knowledge

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of the applicant having graduated from a nursing program or having been licensed as a nurse in the foreign country.

(Redesignate subsequent sections.)

On page 360, line 11, after the semicolon,

11 insert:

creating s. 464.0145, F.S.; providing for the licensure of foreign-trained or

foreign-licensed nurses;