

By Senator Saunders

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to nursing home facilities;  
amending s. 400.141, F.S.; providing a method  
by which state-designated teaching nursing  
homes and affiliated assisted living facilities  
may demonstrate financial responsibility;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (20) of section 400.141, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

400.141 Administration and management of nursing home  
facilities.--Every licensed facility shall comply with all  
applicable standards and rules of the agency and shall:

(20) Maintain general and professional liability  
insurance coverage that is in force at all times. In lieu of  
general and professional liability insurance 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)(h); ~~the exception provided in this paragraph  
shall expire July 1, 2005.~~

Facilities that have been awarded a Gold Seal under the  
program established in s. 400.235 may develop a plan to  
provide certified nursing assistant training as prescribed by  
federal regulations and state rules and may apply to the  
agency for approval of their program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides for the indefinite effect of provisions, slated to expire July 1, 2005, which allow state-designated teaching nursing homes and affiliated assisted living facilities to demonstrate financial responsibility through an escrow account or letter of credit in lieu of professional liability insurance coverage.