

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to practitioners; reordering and  
 3           amending s. 401.34, F.S.; revising requirements for  
 4           the deposit and use of license fees for certain  
 5           practitioners; amending s. 456.076, F.S.; providing  
 6           that the Department of Financial Services shall defend  
 7           certain claims, suits, actions, or proceedings for  
 8           injunctive, affirmative, or declaratory relief  
 9           involving emergency interventions on behalf of  
 10          impaired practitioners; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 401.34,  
 15 Florida Statutes, are reordered and amended to read:

16           401.34 Fees.—

17           (1) Each organization ~~or person~~ subject to this part must  
 18 pay to the department the following nonrefundable fees, and  
 19 these fees must be deposited into the Emergency Medical Services  
 20 Trust Fund to be applied solely for salaries and expenses of the  
 21 department incurred in implementing and enforcing this part:

22           (a) Basic life support service license application: \$660,  
 23 to be paid biennially.

24           (b) Advanced life support service license application:  
 25 \$1,375, to be paid biennially.

26           (c) Original or renewal vehicle permit application for  
 27 basic or advanced life support: \$25, to be paid biennially.

28           (d)~~(j)~~ Air ambulance service application: \$1,375, to be

29 | paid biennially.

30 |     ~~(e)(k)~~ Original or renewal aircraft permit application for  
31 | air ambulance: \$25, to be paid biennially.

32 |     (2) Each person subject to this part must pay to the  
33 | department the following nonrefundable fees, and these fees must  
34 | be deposited into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund:

35 |     ~~(a)(d)~~ Emergency medical technician certification  
36 | examination application: \$40.

37 |     ~~(b)(e)~~ Emergency medical technician original certificate  
38 | application: \$35.

39 |     ~~(c)(f)~~ Emergency medical technician renewal certificate  
40 | application: \$20, to be paid biennially.

41 |     ~~(d)(g)~~ Paramedic certification examination application:  
42 | \$40.

43 |     ~~(e)(h)~~ Paramedic original certificate application: \$45.

44 |     ~~(f)(i)~~ Paramedic renewal certificate application: \$45, to  
45 | be paid biennially.

46 |     ~~(2) Fees collected under this section must be deposited to~~  
47 | ~~the credit of the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund and must~~  
48 | ~~be applied solely for salaries and expenses of the department~~  
49 | ~~incurred in implementing and enforcing this part.~~

50 |     Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section  
51 | 456.076, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

52 |     456.076 Treatment programs for impaired practitioners.—

53 |     (7)

54 |     (b) In accordance with s. 284.385, the Department of  
55 | Financial Services shall defend any claim, suit, action, or  
56 | proceeding, including a claim, suit, action, or proceeding for

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57 | injunctive, affirmative, or declaratory relief, against the  
58 | consultant, the consultant's officers or employees, or those  
59 | acting at the direction of the consultant for the limited  
60 | purpose of an emergency intervention on behalf of a licensee or  
61 | student as described in subsection (2) when the consultant is  
62 | unable to perform such intervention, which claim, suit, action,  
63 | or proceeding is brought as a result of an ~~any~~ act or omission  
64 | by any of the consultant's officers and employees and those  
65 | acting under the direction of the consultant for the limited  
66 | purpose of an emergency intervention on behalf of the ~~a~~ licensee  
67 | or student ~~as described in subsection (2)~~ when the consultant is  
68 | unable to perform such intervention, if the ~~when such~~ act or  
69 | omission arises out of and is in the scope of the consultant's  
70 | duties under its contract with the department.

71 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.