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An act relating to fees; amending s. 383.305, F.S.; providing applicability of licensure fee requirements to advanced birth centers; amending s. 383.324, F.S.; requiring an advanced birth center to pay an inspection fee to the agency; amending s. 408.033, F.S.; providing applicability of an assessment to advanced birth centers; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 383.305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383.305 Licensure; fees.-

- (1) In accordance with s. 408.805, an applicant for licensure as a birth center or an advanced birth center or a licensee shall pay a fee for each license application submitted under ss. 383.30-383.332 and part II of chapter 408. The amount of the fee shall be established by rule.
- (2) Each applicant for licensure and each licensee must comply with the requirements of this chapter and part II of chapter 408.

Section 2. Section 383.324, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383.324 Inspections and investigations; inspection fees.-Each birth center and advanced birth center facility licensed under s. 383.305 shall pay to the agency an inspection fee established by rule of the agency. In addition to the

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requirements of part II of chapter 408, the agency shall coordinate all periodic inspections for licensure made by the agency to ensure that the cost to the <u>birth center or advanced</u> <u>birth center facility</u> of such inspections and the disruption of services by such inspections is minimized.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 408.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

408.033 Local and state health planning.-

- (2) FUNDING.-
- (a) The Legislature intends that the cost of local health councils be borne by assessments on selected health care facilities subject to facility licensure by the Agency for Health Care Administration, including abortion clinics, assisted living facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, birth centers, advanced birth centers, home health agencies, hospices, hospitals, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, nursing homes, health care clinics, and multiphasic testing centers and by assessments on organizations subject to certification by the agency pursuant to chapter 641, part III, including health maintenance organizations and prepaid health clinics. Fees assessed may be collected prospectively at the time of licensure renewal and prorated for the licensure period.

Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date that SB 448 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.