CHAPTER 2004-226

Senate Bill No. 1244

An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund within the Department of Health without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 464.0198(3), F.S.; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to extend the life of the Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund within the Department of Health, which is otherwise scheduled to be terminated pursuant to constitutional mandate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the trust fund before its scheduled termination date and has found that it continues to meet an important public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that existing public policy concerning the trust fund sets adequate parameters for its use, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

- Section 1. (1) The Florida Center for Nursing Trust Fund within the Department of Health, FLAIR number 64-2-283, which is to be terminated pursuant to Section 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on July 1, 2006, unless terminated sooner by law, is terminated on November 4, 2004, and re-created.
- (2) All current balances of the trust fund are carried forward, and all current sources and uses of the trust fund are continued.
- Section 2. <u>Subsection (3) of section 464.0198</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect November 4, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2004.

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