CHAPTER 2005-136

Senate Bill No. 266

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.

Approved by the Governor June 3, 2005.

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