

CHAPTER 2013-130

Senate Bill No. 604

An act relating to practitioners; amending s. 401.34, F.S.; revising requirements for the deposit and use of license fees for certain practitioners; amending s. 456.076, F.S.; requiring the Department of Financial Services to defend certain claims, suits, actions, or proceedings for injunctive, affirmative, or declaratory relief involving emergency interventions on behalf of impaired practitioners; providing an effective date.

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

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

401.34 Fees.—

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

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

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

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

(d) Air ambulance service application: \$1,375, to be paid biennially.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) ~~Air ambulance service application: \$1,375, to be paid biennially.~~

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

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

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

456.076 Treatment programs for impaired practitioners.—

(7)

(b) In accordance with s. 284.385, the Department of Financial Services shall defend any claim, suit, action, or proceeding, including a claim, suit, action, or proceeding for injunctive, affirmative, or declaratory relief, against the consultant, the consultant’s officers or employees, or those acting at the direction of the consultant for the limited purpose of an emergency intervention on behalf of a licensee or student as described in subsection (2) when the consultant is unable to perform such intervention, which claim, suit, action, or proceeding is brought as a result of an any act or omission by any of the consultant’s officers and employees and those acting under the direction of the consultant for the limited purpose of an emergency intervention on behalf of the a licensee or student ~~as described in subsection (2) when the consultant is unable to perform such intervention, if the when such act or omission arises out of and is in the scope of the consultant’s duties under its contract with the department.~~

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

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2013.

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