

AN ACT concerning nursing.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act is amended by changing Section 20-40 as follows:

(225 ILCS 65/20-40)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 20-40. Fund. There is hereby created within the State Treasury the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund. The monies in the Fund may be used by and at the direction of the Department for the administration and enforcement of this Act, including but not limited to:

(a) Distribution and publication of the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act and the rules at the time of renewal to all persons licensed by the Department under this Act.

(b) Employment of secretarial, nursing, administrative, enforcement, and other staff for the administration of this Act.

(c) Conducting a survey, as prescribed by rule of the Department, once every 4 years during the license renewal period.

(d) Conducting of training seminars for licensees under this Act relating to the obligations, responsibilities, enforcement and other provisions of the Act and its rules.

(e) Disposition of Fees:

(i) (Blank).

(ii) All of the fees and fines collected pursuant to this Act shall be deposited in the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund.

(iii) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988,

the moneys deposited in the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund shall be appropriated to the Department for expenses of the Department and the Board in the administration of this Act. All earnings received from investment of moneys in the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund shall be deposited in the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund and shall be used for the same purposes as fees deposited in the Fund.

(iv) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 ~~2001~~ and for each fiscal year thereafter, \$1,200,000 ~~\$750,000~~ of the moneys deposited in the Nursing Dedicated and Professional Fund each year shall be set aside and appropriated to the Illinois Department of Public Health for nursing scholarships awarded pursuant to the Nursing Education Scholarship Law. Representatives of the Department and the Nursing Education Scholarship Program Advisory Council shall review this requirement and the scholarship awards every 2 years.

(v) Moneys in the Fund may be transferred to the Professions Indirect Cost Fund as authorized under Section 2105-300 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law (20 ILCS 2105/2105-300).

(Source: P.A. 91-239, 1-1-00; 92-46, eff. 7-1-01.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.