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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 101
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, strike “requiring the Department to use” and substitute “providing for the distribution of”; in line 10, after the first “to” insert “a special fund, to be used only to”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 13 down through “based,” in line 15.

On page 2, in line 3, after “circumstances;” insert “expressing the intent of the General Assembly that the Department develop certain accountability measures to be used to distribute certain revenues;”; in line 9, strike “__ (S.B. 6)” and substitute “3”; and in line 14, strike “__ (S.B. 6)” and substitute “3”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 18, strike “**PER NURSING FACILITY**” and substitute “**IN THE AGGREGATE ON ALL NURSING FACILITIES**”; and in line 19, strike “**NET**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 18, after “**BE**” insert “**DISTRIBUTED TO A SPECIAL FUND, TO BE**”; and in the same line, after “**DEPARTMENT**” insert “**ONLY**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 5 through line 11 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 8, after line 3, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(Over)

(a) Beginning July 1, 2008, a portion of the revenues from the quality assessment shall be distributed to nursing facilities subject to this Act based on accountability measures that indicate quality of care or a commitment to quality of care. The accountability measures should be objective, measurable, and when considered in combination with each other, deemed to have a correlation to residents' quality of life and care. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall develop accountability measures in consultation with representatives of the nursing facilities and other stakeholders.

(b) Up to 25% of the revenues generated by the quality assessment shall be distributed as provided in this section, to the extent federal law allows. Further, the distribution of revenues as provided in this section shall be used as an incentive for nursing facilities to provide quality care, and may not be used to directly or indirectly hold harmless any nursing facility.”;

and in line 4, strike “5.” and substitute “6.”.