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An act to amend Section 1324.9 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care facilities, and making an appropriation therefor.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1324.9 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1324.9. (a) The Long-Term Care Quality Assurance Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury. ~~Moneys in the fund shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure by~~ Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, moneys in the fund shall be continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal year, to the State Department of Health Care Services for the purposes of this article and Article 7.6 (commencing with Section 1324.20). Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government Code, the fund shall contain all interest and dividends earned on moneys in the fund.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, beginning August 1, 2013, all revenues received by the State Department of Health Care Services categorized by the State Department of Health Care Services as long-term care quality assurance fees shall be deposited into the Long-Term Care Quality Assurance Fund. Revenue that shall be deposited into this fund shall include quality assurance fees imposed pursuant to this article and quality assurance fees imposed pursuant to Article 7.6 (commencing with Section 1324.20).

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the Controller may use the funds in the Long-Term Care Quality Assurance Fund for cashflow loans to the General Fund as provided in Sections 16310 and 16381 of the Government Code.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Health facilities: quality assurance fee.

Existing law establishes the Long-Term Care Quality Assurance Fund in the State Treasury and requires all revenues received by the State Department of Health Care Services categorized by the department as long-term care quality assurance fees, including specified fees on certain intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities, as specified, to be deposited into the fund. Existing law requires the moneys in the fund to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure by the department to provide supplemental Medi-Cal reimbursement for intermediate care facility services, as specified, and to enhance federal financial participation in the Medi-Cal program or to provide additional reimbursement to, and support facility quality improvement efforts in, licensed skilled nursing facilities.

This bill would continuously appropriate the moneys in the fund to the department, thereby making an appropriation.



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Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



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