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Brief Description: Establishing a quality maintenance fee on nursing facilities.

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Declares that, without exemptions, there is levied and there shall be collected a quality maintenance fee on nursing facilities to be calculated in accordance with this act.

Provides that the quality maintenance fee shall be an amount determined each quarter by multiplying the patient days as reported by each nursing facility for each day of the quarter by the multiplier.

Requires each nursing facility to file a report with the department listing the patient days and gross income for the immediately preceding calendar year. The report shall be filed with the department by April 30th of each year beginning April 30, 2004.

Provides that the quality maintenance fee, determined by the department in accordance with this act, shall be due and payable in accordance with RCW 82.32.045(1). The department has authority to impose penalties in accordance with RCW 82.32.050.

Requires the quality maintenance fee assessed and collected under this act, and any penalties imposed and collected pursuant to RCW 82.32.050, to be deposited in the nursing facility medicaid trust fund account created in this act.