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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Hillsborough County;  
3           relating to the regulation of providers that  
4           transport transportation disadvantaged clients  
5           under a contract with the community  
6           transportation coordinator; providing that the  
7           notice of award of a contract between the  
8           community transportation coordinator and a  
9           transportation provider establishes public  
10          convenience and necessity as required for  
11          obtaining a certificate of public convenience  
12          and necessity; authorizing the community  
13          transportation coordinator to exempt certain  
14          transportation providers from obtaining a  
15          certificate of public convenience and necessity  
16          from the Hillsborough County Public  
17          Transportation Commission when specified  
18          conditions have been met; providing an  
19          effective date.

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

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23           Section 1. (1) If a transportation provider applies  
24 to the Hillsborough County Public Transportation Commission  
25 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity  
26 restricted exclusively to transporting clients in accordance  
27 with a contract with the community transportation coordinator  
28 created by chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and the applicant  
29 provides the commission with a notice of award of the  
30 contract, the notice of award establishes public necessity and  
31 convenience as required for granting a certificate of public

1 convenience and necessity restricted to transporting clients  
2 in accordance with the contract between the provider and the  
3 community transportation coordinator as set forth in the  
4 award, together with the number of vehicle permits which is  
5 required under the contract. The restricted certificate is  
6 renewable in accordance with the terms of the related contract  
7 with the coordinator. All other provisions of the governing  
8 statute and rules of the commission continue to apply.

9 (2) A public entity that is serving as the community  
10 transportation coordinator may exempt providers that transport  
11 clients in accordance with a contract between the provider and  
12 the coordinator from subsection (1) if:

13 (a) The exemption applies to all providers that are  
14 contracting with the coordinator;

15 (b) The exemption is limited to transportation  
16 services provided under the contract; and

17 (c) The coordinator has otherwise provided for  
18 inspecting the vehicles used to transport clients and  
19 monitoring the safety of those vehicles and for reviewing and  
20 monitoring the qualifications and safety of the drivers of  
21 those vehicles.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
23 law.