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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Hillsborough County;
3 authorizing the board of county commissioners
4 of Hillsborough County to provide by ordinance
5 for liens in favor of all operators of
6 hospitals in Hillsborough County and in favor
7 of Hillsborough County when it pays for medical
8 care, treatment, or maintenance of qualifying
9 residents of the county upon all causes of
10 action, suits, claims, counterclaims, and
11 demands accruing to persons to whom care,
12 treatment, or maintenance is furnished by such
13 hospital or is paid for by Hillsborough County
14 on behalf of a qualifying resident of the
15 county, or accruing to the legal
16 representatives of such persons, and upon all
17 judgments, settlements, and settlement
18 agreements entered into by virtue thereof on
19 account of illness, injury, deformity,
20 infirmity, abnormality, disease, or pregnancy
21 giving rise to such causes of action, suits,
22 claims, counterclaims, demands, judgments,
23 settlements, or settlement agreements, and
24 which necessitated such care, treatment, or
25 maintenance; authorizing the board of county
26 commissioners of Hillsborough County to provide
27 by ordinance for the attachment, perfection,
28 priority, and enforcement of such liens and for
29 such procedural and other matters as may be
30 necessary or appropriate to carry out the
31 purposes of the ordinance; requiring the

1 ordinance to provide identical remedies to the
2 hospitals and the County Indigent Health Care
3 Plan; providing an effective date.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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7 Section 1. The board of county commissioners of
8 Hillsborough County may provide by ordinance for liens in
9 favor of all operators of hospitals in Hillsborough County and
10 in favor of Hillsborough County when it pays for medical care,
11 treatment, or maintenance of qualifying residents of the
12 county upon all causes of action, suits, claims,
13 counterclaims, and demands accruing to persons to whom care,
14 treatment, or maintenance is furnished by such hospital or is
15 paid for by Hillsborough County on behalf of a qualifying
16 resident of the county, or accruing to the legal
17 representatives of such persons, and upon all judgments,
18 settlements, and settlement agreements entered into by virtue
19 thereof on account of illness, injury, deformity, infirmity,
20 abnormality, disease, or pregnancy giving rise to such causes
21 of action, suits, claims, counterclaims, demands, judgments,
22 settlements, and settlement agreements, and which necessitated
23 such care, treatment, or maintenance; and may provide by
24 ordinance for the attachment, perfection, priority, and
25 enforcement of such liens and for such procedural and other
26 matters as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the
27 purposes of the ordinance. Any ordinance adopted by
28 Hillsborough County under this act must grant, without
29 exception, both to every hospital operating in the county and
30 to the County Indigent Health Care Plan the identical
31 remedies.

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

SENATE SUMMARY