

By Representative Merchant

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Palm Beach County; amending
3 chapter 57-1688, Laws of Florida, relating to
4 liens in favor of operators of hospitals under
5 certain conditions; providing that said act
6 applies to any hospital in the county;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 57-1688, Laws of
12 Florida, is amended to read:

13 Section 1. Every individual, partnership, firm,
14 association, corporation, institution and governmental unit,
15 and every combination of any of the foregoing, operating a
16 ~~public~~ hospital in Palm Beach County, Florida, shall be
17 entitled to a lien for all reasonable charges for hospital
18 care, treatment and maintenance of ill or injured persons upon
19 any and all causes of action, suits, claims, counterclaims and
20 demands accruing to the persons to whom such care, treatment
21 or maintenance are furnished, or accruing to the legal
22 representatives of such persons, and upon all judgments,
23 settlements and settlement agreements rendered or entered into
24 by virtue thereof, on account of illness or injuries giving
25 rise to such causes of action, suits, claims, counterclaims,
26 demands, judgment, settlement or settlement agreement and
27 which necessitate or shall have necessitated such hospital
28 care, treatment and maintenance.

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

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