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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to rural hospitals; amending s.
408.07, F.S.; redefining the term "rural
hospital" for the purpose of state law
governing health care administration to include
certain hospitals in charter counties;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (42) of section 408.07, Florida
Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read.

408.07 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, with the
exception of ss. 408.031-408.045, the term:

(42) "Rural hospital" means an acute care hospital
licensed under chapter 395, having 100 or fewer licensed beds
and an emergency room, located in an area defined as rural by
the United States Census, and which is:

(a) The sole provider within a county with a
population density of no greater than 100 persons per square
mile;

(b) An acute care hospital, in a county with a
population density of no greater than 100 persons per square
mile, which is at least 30 minutes of travel time, on normally
traveled roads under normal traffic conditions, from another
acute care hospital within the same county; ~~or~~

(c) A hospital supported by a tax district or
subdistrict whose boundaries encompass a population of 100
persons or fewer per square mile; or

(d) A hospital in a constitutional charter county with
a population of over 1 million persons that has imposed a

1 local option health service tax pursuant to law and in an area
2 that was directly impacted by a catastrophic event on August
3 24, 1992, for which the Governor of Florida declared a state
4 of emergency pursuant to chapter 125, and has 120 beds or less
5 that serves an agricultural community with an emergency room
6 utilization of no less than 20,000 visits and a Medicaid
7 in-patient utilization rate greater than 15 percent.

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9 Population densities used in this subsection must be based
10 upon the most recently completed United States census.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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14 HOUSE SUMMARY

15 Redefines the term "rural hospital" for the purpose of
16 state law governing health care administration to include
17 a hospital in a constitutional charter county with a
18 population of over 1 million persons that has imposed a
19 local option health service tax pursuant to law and in an
20 area that was directly impacted by a catastrophic event
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