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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to Palm Beach County; amending  
chapter 57-1688, Laws of Florida, relating to  
liens in favor of operators of hospitals under  
certain conditions; providing that the act  
applies to all hospitals in the county;  
providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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