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DATE: April 3, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH CARE LICENSING & REGULATION
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 1853

RELATING TO: Palm Beach County Health Care Act

SPONSOR(S): Representative Jacobs

TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) HEALTH CARE LICENSING & REGULATION YEAS 12 NAYS 0
 - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill changes the name of the Palm Beach County Health Care District to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and updates terminology referencing the Palm Beach County Public Health Department. It authorizes the health care district to plan, coordinate, supervise, manage, and take such other action as appropriate to implement the school health programs as established by the health care district. Also, the bill establishes the Glades Rural Area Support Board and provides it with duties, powers, organization, and public access requirements. Furthermore, this bill provides permissive authority and flexibility to the health district with regard to the ownership, operation, and management of an acute-care hospital in the Glades area.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The present statutory name of the health district is the Palm Beach County Health Care District. The name of the county public health department is sometimes listed as the Palm Beach County Public Health Unit.

According to chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, the purpose of creating the health district was to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County and to maximize the health and well being of Palm Beach County residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding, and coordination of health care service delivery. The program elements were to include, but not be limited to, preventative health services, community nursing services, ambulatory care, outpatient services, hospital services, trauma health services, and rehabilitative services, as feasible.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill changes the name of the Palm Beach County Health Care District to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and updates terminology referencing the Palm Beach County Public Health Department which was formerly known as a public health unit. It authorizes the health care district to plan, coordinate, supervise, manage, and take such other action as appropriate to implement the school health programs as established by the health care district. Also, the bill establishes the Glades Rural Area Support Board and provides it with duties, powers, organization, and public access requirements. Furthermore, this bill provides permissive authority and flexibility to the health district with regard to the ownership, operation, and management of an acute-care hospital in the Glades area.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Amends s. 2 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to rename the health care district.

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Section 2. Amends s. 3 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to rename the health care district and to authorize the district to plan, coordinate, supervise, manage, and take other action to implement the school health programs established by the district.

Section 3. Amends s. 4 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to rename the health care district and update the reference to the county public health department.

Section 4. Adds s. 9A. to chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to establish the Glades Rural Area Support Board and provide it with duties, powers, organization, and public access requirements.

Section 5. Amends s. 10 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to provide permissive authority and flexibility to the health district with regard to the ownership, operation, and management of an acute-care hospital in the Glades area.

Section 6. Amends s. 11 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to rename the health care district.

Section 7. Amends s. 18 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., and renumbers it as s. 16 of chapter 87-450, L.O.F., to rename the health care district.

Section 8. Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? February 7, 2000

WHERE? The Palm Beach Post

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

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B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

This bill provides that the district board may grant rulemaking authority to the Glades Support Board as the district board deems necessary or convenient to carry out the powers specified in the bill.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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