

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to financial responsibility for  
3           indigent hospital patients; amending s.  
4           154.306, F.S.; providing for excluding  
5           active-duty military personnel and certain  
6           institutionalized county residents from state  
7           population estimates when calculating a  
8           county's financial responsibility for  
9           hospitals' treatment of specific counties'  
10          indigent residents; providing an effective  
11          date.

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

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15           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 154.306, Florida  
16 Statutes, is created to read:

17           (3) For the purpose of computing the maximum amount  
18 that a county at or below 100,000 in population may be  
19 required to pay, the agency must reduce the official state  
20 population estimates by the number of inmates and patients  
21 residing in the county in institutions operated by the Federal  
22 Government, the Department of Corrections, the Department of  
23 Health, or the Department of Children and Family Services, and  
24 by the number of active-duty military personnel residing in  
25 the county, all of whom shall shall not be considered  
26 residents of the county, provided that the county agrees to  
27 accept such documents, forms, or other information used to  
28 certify financial eligibility and county residency, provided  
29 by the participating hospital or regional referral hospital to  
30 the county residence as valid and true without requiring  
31 reverification by the county of residence, and provided such

1 documentation is complete and in the form required by s.  
2 154.3105.

3           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.  
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