

By Representative Harrell

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Martin County; amending
 3 sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of chapter 65-1906,
 4 Laws of Florida, as amended; revising authority
 5 of the Board of County Commissioners to levy a
 6 tax for indigent health care; revising the name
 7 of the fund into which the tax is paid;
 8 revising the uses of the fund; revising
 9 requirements relating to disbursements from the
 10 fund and unexpended balances in the fund;
 11 revising the name of the review board and the
 12 hospital board; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of chapter 65-1906,
 17 Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 67-1712 and 78-558,
 18 Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

19 Section 1. The Martin County Board of County
 20 Commissioners ~~of Martin county~~ is authorized and empowered
 21 ~~directed~~ to levy a tax of not less than one fourth (1/4) mill
 22 nor more than two (2) mills per annum on the assessed
 23 valuation of all taxable real and personal property in Martin
 24 ~~the~~ County for the purpose of providing funds for payment of
 25 health care services for hospitalization of indigent residents
 26 of Martin County as further set forth in section 2.

27 Section 2. The money derived from this tax shall be
 28 paid into the County Health Care ~~hospitalization~~ Fund which
 29 shall be used by the Martin County Board of County
 30 Commissioners only to pay for:

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1 (1) Hospitalization, administrative costs and costs of
2 doctors' services incidental to and included in the cost of
3 hospital care, within Martin County ~~for~~ of indigent residents
4 of Martin ~~the~~ County.

5 (2) Health care programs required by Florida Statutes
6 to be funded by counties.

7 (3) Other health care programs based upon a level of
8 service to be determined from time to time by the Martin
9 County Board of County Commissioners.

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11 ~~All The excess remaining~~ unexpended moneys in the County
12 Health Care Fund at the end of each ~~the~~ budget year shall
13 remain in the County Health Care Fund from year to year ~~be~~
14 ~~paid into the general fund~~. Disbursements from the County
15 Health Care Fund shall be by check ~~or warrant~~ of the Martin
16 County Board of County Commissioners signed by its chairman
17 upon the approval of a majority of its members.

18 Section 3. (1) There shall be created a five (5)
19 member County Health Care ~~Hospitalization~~ Review Board to be
20 comprised of:

21 (a) Two (2) members of the Martin County Board of
22 County Commissioners appointed by its chairman;

23 (b) Two (2) members of the Martin Memorial Health
24 Systems ~~hospital~~ Board appointed by the its chairman of such
25 board;

26 (c) One (1) member at large to be chosen by a majority
27 of the four (4) members so appointed.

28 (2) The terms of office of members shall expire
29 January 15 of each year.

30 Section 4. The County Health Care ~~hospitalization~~
31 Review Board shall recommend to the Martin County Board of

1 County Commissioners those indigent individuals whose
2 hospitalization and other costs as set forth in section 2(1)
3 shall be paid from the County Health Care ~~hospitalization~~
4 Fund.

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

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