

HB 1711

2004

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the St. Lucie County Fire District;  
 3           establishing an exemption from payment to redevelopment  
 4           trust funds created by community redevelopment agencies;  
 5           providing an effective date.

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 7           WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Fire District is solely  
 8           responsible for fire suppression, prevention, rescue, and  
 9           emergency medical services throughout St. Lucie County, and

10           WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Fire District derives a  
 11           substantial portion of its revenues from ad valorem taxes and a  
 12           substantial portion of its expenses are personnel costs, and

13           WHEREAS, the implementation of community redevelopment  
 14           plans by community redevelopment agencies in St. Lucie County  
 15           creates an increasing demand for fire and rescue services  
 16           without providing the revenues to support such services, and

17           WHEREAS, the continued payments to redevelopment trust  
 18           funds created by community redevelopment agencies in St. Lucie  
 19           County will adversely affect the ability of the St. Lucie County  
 20           Fire District to provide critical public safety services to the  
 21           citizens and visitors of St. Lucie County, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 25           Section 1. Effective October 1, 2007, and thereafter, the  
 26           St. Lucie County Fire District shall be exempt from payment to  
 27           redevelopment trust funds created by community development  
 28           agencies in St. Lucie County.

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