

By Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Lee County Trauma
3 Services District, an independent district;
4 amending s. 3 of chapter 2003-357, Laws of
5 Florida; authorizing the Board of Directors of
6 the Lee County Trauma Services District to seek
7 passage of a voter-approved trauma center sales
8 surtax; providing the amount of the surtax;
9 providing for the repeal or readoption of the
10 surtax; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. The Legislature recognizes that providing
15 timely trauma services is vitally important to the medical
16 outcome for the residents of Lee County who suffer a trauma
17 injury. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that
18 the Lee County Trauma Services District board be authorized to
19 give the residents of Lee County the opportunity to decide
20 whether to fund this critical community service through the
21 levying of a sales surtax.

22 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
23 3. of chapter 2003-357, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

24
25 CHAPTER 2003-357

26 Section 3. Powers, functions, and duties.--

27 (2) The District is hereby authorized to operate and
28 conduct the business of the District and, consistent
29 therewith, shall have the following powers:

30 (d) To provide for the financial support for the
31 District, the board is authorized to accept gifts, bequests,

1 grants, endowments, and conveyances from any source for the
2 use and benefit of the Lee County Trauma Services District. In
3 addition, the District board may levy a trauma center sales
4 surtax not to exceed one-sixth cent per dollar to provide
5 trauma services in the district. This surtax shall take effect
6 only upon the approval of a majority vote of the electors of
7 Lee County voting in a referendum on a date to be set by the
8 District board, and consistent with general law.

9 Section 3. The method of levying, collecting, and
10 distributing a surtax approved under this act shall be done
11 according to general law.

12 Section 4. The surtax is repealed on the last day of
13 the calendar year 5 years after the election provided for in
14 this act, or upon the closure of the trauma center, unless the
15 surtax is readopted by a majority of the electors of Lee
16 County voting in an election held before the date of repeal.

17 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
18 law.