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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Sarasota County Public Hospital
3 District; amending chapter 2003-359, Laws of Florida;
4 authorizing the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board to
5 establish, operate, and maintain facilities and services
6 outside the boundaries of the district; restricting the
7 use of ad valorem tax funds to facilities and services
8 within the district; providing for severability; providing
9 for construction; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (20), (21), (22), and (23) are
14 added to section 8 of section 3 of chapter 2003-359, Laws of
15 Florida, to read:

16 (20) The Hospital Board is hereby authorized and
17 empowered, notwithstanding any language contained elsewhere in
18 this act to the contrary, to establish, construct, equip,
19 operate, and maintain both within and beyond the boundaries of
20 the District, in addition to hospitals, all manner of other
21 health care facilities and all manner of other health care
22 services which promote the public health and the health care
23 needs of those members of the public served by the Sarasota
24 County Public Hospital Board.

25 (21) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act which
26 permits the joint participation with other hospitals and health
27 care providers or which permits the establishment or providing
28 of other health care facilities or services beyond the
29 boundaries of the Sarasota County Public Hospital District, the

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30 Hospital Board shall be expressly prohibited from using any
 31 funds derived from the assessment of ad valorem taxes on
 32 property located within the District to support any such joint
 33 participation or to establish or provide any health care
 34 facility or health care service beyond the boundaries of the
 35 District, it being the express intent of the Legislature that
 36 any ad valorem tax funds be used solely toward health care
 37 facilities or health care services within the District.

38 (22) The Hospital Board is authorized and empowered to
 39 contract with individuals, partnerships, corporations,
 40 municipalities, the county, the state, and any subdivision or
 41 agency thereof in the United States of America, to carry out the
 42 purposes of this act, including participation in the joint
 43 provision with other hospitals and health care providers of all
 44 manner of inpatient and outpatient facilities and health care
 45 services which provide benefit to those members of the public
 46 served by the hospital or hospitals of the District both within
 47 and beyond the boundaries of the Sarasota County Public Hospital
 48 District and to the extent such participation is consistent with
 49 all restrictions contained in the constitution and general laws
 50 of the state.

51 (23) The Hospital Board shall have and exercise all powers
 52 necessary, incidental, or convenient to effect any or all of the
 53 purposes for which the District or the Hospital Board is
 54 organized under the provisions of this act.

55 Section 2. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
 56 phrase, or other part of this act shall be declared
 57 unconstitutional, or if this act should be declared inapplicable
 58 in any case, such declaration shall not affect the remainder of

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59 this act or the applicability thereof in any other case.

60 Section 3. This act shall be construed as remedial and
61 shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which it
62 is intended.

63 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.