

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 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, subject to the provisions of
25 sections 408.031-408.0455, Florida Statutes.

26 (21) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act which
27 permits the joint participation with other hospitals and health
28 care providers or which permits the establishment or providing

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

39 (22) The Hospital Board is authorized and empowered to
40 contract with individuals, partnerships, corporations,
41 municipalities, the county, the state, and any subdivision or
42 agency thereof in the United States of America, to carry out the
43 purposes of this act, including participation in the joint
44 provision with other hospitals and health care providers of all
45 manner of inpatient and outpatient facilities and health care
46 services which provide benefit to those members of the public
47 served by the hospital or hospitals of the District both within
48 and beyond the boundaries of the Sarasota County Public Hospital
49 District and to the extent such participation is consistent with
50 all restrictions contained in the constitution and general laws
51 of the state and the provisions of sections 408.031-408.0455,
52 Florida Statutes.

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

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

62 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.