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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Coley offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 26 and 27, insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (7) of section
6 212.055, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (g), and
7 a new paragraph (f) is added to that subsection to read:

8 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;
9 authorization and use of proceeds.--It is the legislative intent
10 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales
11 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a
12 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the
13 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties
14 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the
15 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the
16 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if

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17 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;
18 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.
19 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as
20 provided in s. 212.054.

21 (7) VOTER-APPROVED INDIGENT CARE SURTAX.--

22 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection
23 except paragraphs (b) and (g), a hospital surtax may be levied
24 upon approval of a referendum by the electors in a county that
25 has more than one independent special hospital district and a
26 population of fewer than 50,000 residents, not including inmates
27 and patients residing in institutions operated by the Federal
28 Government, the Department of Corrections, the Department of
29 Health, or the Department of Children and Family Services.
30 Subject to the cap imposed in paragraph (g), the surtax may be
31 levied at a rate not to exceed 1 percent.

32 1. At least 90 days before submitting the referendum to
33 the voters, the governing body of the county shall certify to
34 the Department of Revenue the populations of each independent
35 special hospital district. If the surtax referendum is approved,
36 surtax proceeds shall be allocated to each such district in
37 proportion to the relative populations certified by the county
38 governing body.

39 2. In addition to the uses authorized by this subsection,
40 an independent special hospital district may pledge surtax
41 proceeds to service new or existing bond indebtedness and may
42 use surtax proceeds to pay the direct costs incurred to finance,
43 plan, construct, or reconstruct a public or not-for-profit
44 hospital in the county; the costs incurred for land acquisition,

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45 land improvement, design, engineering, equipment, and furnishing
46 related to the hospital; or the direct costs associated
47 therewith. An independent special hospital district may use the
48 services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of
49 Administration pursuant to the State Bond Act to issue bonds
50 under this paragraph.

51 3. Any county having a population of fewer than 50,000
52 residents at the time bonds authorized in this paragraph are
53 issued shall retain the authority granted under this paragraph
54 throughout the term of such bonds, including the term of any
55 refinancing bonds, regardless of any subsequent increase in
56 population that results in the county having 50,000 or more
57 residents.

58 4. If the indebtedness issued by one independent special
59 hospital district expires before the indebtedness issued by
60 another independent special hospital district, the full amount
61 of the surtax proceeds shall be applied to service the remaining
62 indebtedness until the indebtedness is extinguished.

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66 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

67 Remove line 2 and insert:

68 An act relating to local governments; amending s. 212.055, F.S.;
69 expanding authorization for voter-approved indigent care
70 surtaxes; authorizing certain counties to levy a hospital surtax
71 subject to referendum approval; providing for allocation and
72 uses of surtax proceeds; preserving certain bonding authority;

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