

By Senator Simpson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Program of All-inclusive Care  
3 for the Elderly; authorizing the Agency for Health  
4 Care Administration to contract with certain  
5 organizations to provide services under the federal  
6 Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly in  
7 Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties; providing an  
8 exemption from ch. 641, F.S., for the organizations;  
9 authorizing, subject to appropriation, enrollment  
10 slots for the program in such counties; providing an  
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes,  
16 and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site  
17 for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE),  
18 the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract with  
19 one not-for-profit organization that has more than 30 years'  
20 experience as a licensed hospice and is currently a licensed  
21 hospice serving individuals and families in Citrus, Hernando,  
22 and Pasco Counties. This not-for-profit organization shall  
23 provide PACE services to frail elders who reside in Citrus,  
24 Hernando, and Pasco Counties. The organization shall be exempt  
25 from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The  
26 agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly Affairs  
27 and subject to an appropriation, shall approve up to 150 initial  
28 enrollees in the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly  
29 established by this organization to serve frail elders who

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30 reside in Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties.

31 Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes,  
32 and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site  
33 for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE),  
34 the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract with  
35 one private health care organization, the sole member of which  
36 is a private, not-for-profit corporation that owns and manages  
37 health care organizations licensed in Citrus, Hernando, and  
38 Pasco Counties which provide comprehensive services, including  
39 hospice and palliative care, to frail elders who reside in those  
40 counties. The organization shall be exempt from the requirements  
41 of chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency, in consultation  
42 with the Department of Elderly Affairs and subject to an  
43 appropriation, shall approve up to 150 initial enrollees in the  
44 Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly established by  
45 this organization to serve frail elders who reside in Citrus,  
46 Hernando, and Pasco Counties.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.