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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Emergency Power Systems  
3       Matching Grant Program; providing a short title;  
4       providing legislative intent; defining the term  
5       "emergency power system"; requiring the Department of  
6       Health to establish and administer the Emergency Power  
7       Systems Matching Grant Program to provide state  
8       matching funds to certain public and private health  
9       care facilities for specified years on a first-come,  
10      first-served basis; prohibiting a public or private  
11      health care facility from receiving more than one  
12      grant per county per year; requiring the department to  
13      adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an  
14      effective date.

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

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18       Section 1. (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as  
19 the "Emergency Power Systems Matching Grant Program."

20       (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—The Legislature recognizes the  
21 importance of public and private health care facilities in  
22 providing emergency health services and understands that by  
23 having power readily available, the professionals, staff, and  
24 patients will experience less stress during power outages and  
25 electric service interruptions that occur during major natural  
26 disasters. The Legislature understands the fiscal constraints  
27 which many public and private health care facilities operate  
28 within in order to provide a safe and comfortable atmosphere  
29 while providing essential medical services. The Legislature

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30 intends to offset fiscal difficulties by creating a 5-year  
31 matching grant program to assist public and private health care  
32 facilities that were constructed and operational before July  
33 2018 in acquiring emergency power systems.

34 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term  
35 “emergency power system” means a system that provides an  
36 independent source of electric power during the loss of power  
37 supply and includes a supply of fuel sufficient to sustain the  
38 emergency power source for at least 7 days during a power  
39 outage. An emergency power system may include a generator,  
40 batteries, and other accessories needed to power such emergency  
41 power system.

42 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—The Department of Health shall  
43 establish and administer the Emergency Power Systems Matching  
44 Grant Program. The program shall:

45 (a) Provide state matching funds on a first-come, first-  
46 served basis to public or private health care facilities that  
47 apply for funds with the department.

48 (b) Prohibit a public or private health care facility from  
49 receiving more than one grant per county per year under this  
50 program.

51 (5) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The department shall adopt rules  
52 to implement this section.

53 Section 2. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and each fiscal  
54 year through the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the sum of \$5 million in  
55 nonrecurring funds is appropriated to the Department of Health  
56 to implement the Emergency Power Systems Matching Grant Program.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.