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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to Halifax Hospital Medical Center,
 Volusia County; amending chapter 2003-374, Laws of
 Florida; providing an exception to general law;
 authorizing the district to establish, construct,
 operate, and maintain hospitals, facilities, and
 services within and beyond the boundaries of the
 district under certain conditions; providing
 legislative intent; providing that ad valorem taxes
 and non-ad valorem special assessments be levied and
 expended within the boundaries of the district;
 prohibiting the district from expending such funds
 outside the boundaries of the district; authorizing
 the district to contract with certain persons or
 entities to carry out the provisions of this act;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 5 of section 3 of chapter 2003-374,
 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 5. District authority.—

(1) The district may establish, construct, equip, operate,
 and maintain such hospitals, medical facilities, and other
 health care facilities and services as are necessary for the

26 | residents of the district. The hospitals, medical facilities,
27 | and other health care facilities and services shall be
28 | established, constructed, equipped, operated, and maintained by
29 | the district for the preservation of the public health, for the
30 | public good, and for the use of the public of the district.
31 | Maintenance of such hospitals, medical facilities, and other
32 | health care facilities and services in the district is hereby
33 | found and declared to be a public purpose and necessary for the
34 | general welfare of the residents of the district.

35 | (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
36 | contrary, the district is authorized and empowered to establish,
37 | construct, equip, operate, and maintain hospitals, all other
38 | types of health care facilities, and all other types of health
39 | care services that promote the public health and the health care
40 | needs of those members of the public within Brevard, Flagler,
41 | Lake, and Volusia Counties, subject to the provisions of
42 | sections 408.031-408.0455, Florida Statutes. The district is
43 | further expressly authorized to continue to operate and maintain
44 | all facilities and services in which the district was engaged as
45 | of January 1, 2019.

46 | (3) It is the express intent of the Legislature that any
47 | revenues derived by the district from ad valorem taxes or non-ad
48 | valorem special assessments be used solely toward health care
49 | facilities or health care services within the district.
50 | Accordingly, the district is expressly prohibited from using any

51 funds derived from the assessment of ad valorem taxes or non-ad
52 valorem special assessments on property located within the
53 district for any purpose outside the boundaries of the district.

54 (4) The district is authorized and empowered to contract
55 with individuals, partnerships, corporations, municipalities,
56 Brevard, Flagler, Lake, and Volusia Counties, the state, and any
57 subdivision or agency thereof in the United States, to carry out
58 the purposes and provisions of this act, including participation
59 in the joint provision with other hospitals and health care
60 providers of all manner of inpatient and outpatient facilities
61 and health care services that provide benefits to those members
62 of the public served by the district both within and beyond the
63 boundaries of the district, but within Brevard, Flagler, Lake,
64 or Volusia Counties, as limited in this act, and to the extent
65 such participation is consistent with all restrictions contained
66 in the Florida Constitution, the general laws of the state, or
67 this act.

68 (5) The district shall have and exercise all of the powers
69 necessary, incidental, or convenient to carry out and effectuate
70 the purposes for which the district is organized under the
71 provisions of this act.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.