

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Halifax Hospital Medical Center,
 3 Volusia County; amending chapter 2003-374, Laws of
 4 Florida; providing an exception to general law;
 5 authorizing the district to establish, own, construct,
 6 operate, manage, and maintain hospitals, facilities,
 7 and services within and beyond the boundaries of the
 8 district under certain conditions; providing
 9 legislative intent; providing that ad valorem taxes
 10 and non-ad valorem special assessments be expended
 11 only within the boundaries of the district;
 12 prohibiting the district from expending such funds
 13 outside the boundaries of the district; authorizing
 14 the district to contract with certain persons or
 15 entities to carry out the provisions of this act;
 16 authorizing the district to own and operate certain
 17 facilities and provide certain services throughout the
 18 state; providing an effective date.

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

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

24 Section 5. District authority.—

25 (1) The district may establish, own, construct, equip,

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

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

49 | (3) It is the express intent of the Legislature that any
50 | ad valorem tax or non-ad valorem special assessment revenues

51 levied by the district be used solely toward health care
52 facilities or health care services within the district.
53 Accordingly, the district is expressly prohibited from using any
54 ad valorem tax or non-ad valorem special assessment revenues
55 levied by the district on property located within the district
56 for any purpose outside the boundaries of the district.

57 (4) The district is authorized and empowered to contract
58 with individuals, partnerships, corporations, municipalities,
59 Brevard, Flagler, Lake, and Volusia Counties, the state, and any
60 subdivision or agency thereof in the United States, to carry out
61 the purposes and provisions of this act, including participation
62 in the joint provision with other hospitals and health care
63 providers of all manner of inpatient and outpatient facilities
64 and health care services that provide benefits to those members
65 of the public served by the district both within and beyond the
66 boundaries of the district, but within Brevard, Flagler, Lake,
67 or Volusia Counties, as limited in this act, and to the extent
68 such participation is consistent with all restrictions contained
69 in the Florida Constitution, the general laws of the state, or
70 this act. The district is authorized to own and operate
71 facilities and provide services authorized in part IV of chapter
72 400, Florida Statutes, both within and beyond the district
73 boundaries throughout the State of Florida.

74 (5) The district shall have and exercise all of the powers
75 necessary, incidental, or convenient to carry out and effectuate

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76 | the purposes for which the district is organized under the
77 | provisions of this act.

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