

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to Holmes County Hospital Corporation,  
3 Holmes County; amending ch. 30843, Laws of Florida  
4 (1955), as amended; authorizing the Board of Trustees  
5 of the Holmes County Hospital Corporation to own,  
6 lease, establish, acquire or construct, erect, equip,  
7 maintain, and operate both within and beyond the  
8 boundaries of Holmes County, health care facilities  
9 and services; authorizing the trustees to contract  
10 with certain persons or entities to carry out the  
11 provisions of this act; providing that the trustees  
12 may exercise specified powers; providing legislative  
13 intent; providing that ad valorem taxes and non-ad  
14 valorem special assessments be expended only within  
15 the boundaries of the Holmes County; prohibiting  
16 trustees from expending such funds outside the  
17 boundaries of Holmes County; providing for  
18 severability; 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. Subsections (l), (m), (n), and (o) are added to  
23 section 3 of chapter 30843, Laws of Florida (1955), as amended  
24 by chapter 2005-352, Laws of Florida, to read:

25 Section 3. The said Holmes county hospital corporations

26 shall:

27 (1) Notwithstanding any language contained elsewhere in  
 28 this act to the contrary, the trustees are hereby authorized and  
 29 empowered to own, lease, establish, acquire or construct, erect,  
 30 equip, maintain, and operate, both within and beyond the  
 31 boundaries of Holmes County, in addition to hospitals, all  
 32 manner of other health care facilities and all manner of other  
 33 health care services that promote the public health and the  
 34 health care needs of those members of the public served by the  
 35 said corporation, subject to the provisions of sections 408.031-  
 36 408.0455, Florida Statutes.

37 (m) The trustees are authorized and empowered to contract  
 38 with individuals, partnerships, corporations, municipalities,  
 39 the county, the state, and any subdivision or agency thereof in  
 40 the United States of America, to carry out the purposes of this  
 41 act, including participation in the joint provision with other  
 42 hospitals and health care providers of all manner of inpatient  
 43 and outpatient facilities and health care services that provide  
 44 benefits to those members of the public served by the hospital  
 45 or hospitals of the Holmes county hospital corporation both  
 46 within and beyond the boundaries of the said corporation and to  
 47 the extent such participation is consistent with all  
 48 restrictions contained in the Florida Constitution, the general  
 49 laws of the state, or the provisions of sections 408.031-  
 50 408.0455, Florida Statutes.

51        (n) The trustees shall have and exercise all powers  
52 necessary, incidental, or convenient to effect any or all of the  
53 purposes for which the Holmes County hospital corporation or the  
54 board of trustees are organized under the provisions of this  
55 act.

56        (o) It is the express intent of the Legislature that any  
57 ad valorem tax or non-ad valorem special assessment revenues  
58 levied by Holmes County be used solely toward health care  
59 facilities or health care services within Holmes County.  
60 Accordingly, the trustees are expressly prohibited from using  
61 any ad valorem or non-ad valorem special assessment revenues  
62 levied by Holmes County on property located within Holmes County  
63 for any purpose outside the boundaries of Holmes County.

64        Section 2. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,  
65 phrase, or other part of this act shall be declared  
66 unconstitutional, or if this act should be declared inapplicable  
67 in any case, such declaration shall not affect the remainder of  
68 this act or the applicability thereof in any other case.

69        Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.