

Amendment No.2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                        (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED                        (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION                    (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT                            (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN                                   (Y/N)  
OTHER                                            

---

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
2 Committee

3 Representative Sirois offered the following:

4  
5            **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6            Remove lines 369-405 and insert:

7            **Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming a law,**  
8 **subsection (3) is added to section 196.197, Florida Statutes, to**  
9 **read:**

10            196.197 Additional provisions for exempting property used  
11 by hospitals, nursing homes, and homes for special services.—In  
12 addition to criteria for granting exemptions for charitable use  
13 of property set forth in other sections of this chapter,  
14 hospitals, nursing homes, and homes for special services shall  
15 be exempt to the extent that they meet the following criteria:

Amendment No.2

16 (3) (a) No exemption may be granted to an institution  
17 licensed as a hospital, if another licensed hospital in this  
18 state that is owned by the same or a related corporation not for  
19 profit has:

20 1. Ceased operation during the year for which the  
21 exemption from ad valorem property taxes is requested, and

22 2. Such closure included the closure of the hospital's  
23 emergency department without the hospital opening a new  
24 emergency department within 120 days, within a 10 mile radius of  
25 the hospital that ceased operation.

26 (b) No exemption may be granted to a hospital that was  
27 disallowed the exemption under paragraph (a) in the prior year,  
28 unless, prior to January 1 of the taxable year, the same or an  
29 equivalent emergency department, in size and scope, was made  
30 available within a 10 mile radius of the hospital that ceased  
31 operation.

32 (c) The exemption may be reinstated for all related  
33 hospitals on the January 1 following the date an equivalent  
34 emergency department, within a 10 mile radius of the hospital  
35 that ceased operation, is available, if all other conditions of  
36 this section are met.

37 **Section 12.** The amendments made by this act to s. 196.197,  
38 Florida Statutes, which are effective upon becoming a law, apply  
39 retroactively to January 1, 2025 and first apply to the 2025 tax  
40 roll.

573995 - h0229\_line 369.docx

Published On: 3/28/2025 6:24:12 PM

Amendment No.2

41           **Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment**  
42 **made by this act to section 154.205, Florida Statutes, in a**  
43 **reference thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section**  
44 **215.681, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:**

45           215.681 ESG bonds; prohibitions.—

46           (1) As used in this section, the term:

47           (d) "Issuer" means the division, acting on behalf of any  
48 entity; any local government, educational entity, or entity of  
49 higher education as defined in s. 215.89(2)(c), (d), and (e),  
50 respectively, or other political subdivision granted the power  
51 to issue bonds; or any public body corporate and politic  
52 authorized or created by general or special law and granted the  
53 power to issue bonds, including, but not limited to, a water and  
54 sewer district created under chapter 153, a health facilities  
55 authority as defined in s. 154.205, an industrial development  
56 authority created under chapter 159, a housing financing  
57 authority as defined in s. 159.603(3), a research and  
58 development authority as defined in s. 159.702(1)(c), a legal or  
59 administrative entity created by interlocal agreement pursuant  
60 to s. 163.01(7), a community redevelopment agency as defined in  
61 s. 163.340(1), a regional transportation authority created under  
62 chapter 163, a community development district as defined in s.  
63 190.003, an educational facilities authority as defined in s.  
64 243.52(1), the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Authority  
65 created under s. 243.53, the Florida Development Finance

573995 - h0229\_line 369.docx

Published On: 3/28/2025 6:24:12 PM

Amendment No.2

66 Corporation created under s. 288.9604, a port district or port  
67 authority as defined in s. 315.02(1) and (2), respectively, the  
68 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority created under s.  
69 343.53, the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority  
70 created under s. 343.63, the Greater Miami Expressway Agency  
71 created under s. 348.0304, the Tampa-Hillsborough County  
72 Expressway Authority created under s. 348.52, the Central  
73 Florida Expressway Authority created under s. 348.753, the  
74 Jacksonville Transportation Authority created under s. 349.03,  
75 and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation created under s.  
76 420.504.

77 **Section 14.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
78 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

79

80

81

-----  
**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

82

Remove lines 26-30 and insert:

83

by the act; amending s. 196.197, F.S., providing tax

84

exemption criteria for hospitals; reenacting ss.

85

159.27(16) and 215.681(1)(d), F.S., relating to

86

definitions and ESG bonds and prohibitions,

87

respectively, to incorporate the amendments made by

88

the act; providing effective dates.