

House Bill No. 783

An act relating to the Sarasota County Public Hospital District; amending chapter 2003-359, Laws of Florida; authorizing the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board to establish, operate, and maintain facilities and services outside the boundaries of the district; restricting the use of ad valorem tax funds to facilities and services within the district; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (20), (21), (22), and (23) are added to section 8 of section 3 of chapter 2003-359, Laws of Florida, to read:

(20) The Hospital Board is hereby authorized and empowered, notwithstanding any language contained elsewhere in this act to the contrary, to establish, construct, equip, operate, and maintain both within and beyond the boundaries of the District, in addition to hospitals, all manner of other health care facilities and all manner of other health care services which promote the public health and the health care needs of those members of the public served by the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board, subject to the provisions of sections 408.031-408.0455, Florida Statutes.

(21) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act which permits the joint participation with other hospitals and health care providers or which permits the establishment or providing of other health care facilities or services beyond the boundaries of the Sarasota County Public Hospital District, the Hospital Board shall be expressly prohibited from using any funds derived from the assessment of ad valorem taxes on property located within the District to support any such joint participation or to establish or provide any health care facility or health care service beyond the boundaries of the District, it being the express intent of the Legislature that any ad valorem tax funds be used solely toward health care facilities or health care services within the District.

(22) The Hospital Board is authorized and empowered to contract with individuals, partnerships, corporations, municipalities, the county, the state, and any subdivision or agency thereof in the United States of America, to carry out the purposes of this act, including participation in the joint provision with other hospitals and health care providers of all manner of inpatient and outpatient facilities and health care services which provide benefit to those members of the public served by the hospital or hospitals of the District both within and beyond the boundaries of the Sarasota County Public Hospital District and to the extent such participation is consistent with all restrictions contained in the constitution and general laws of the state and the provisions of sections 408.031-408.0455, Florida Statutes.

(23) The Hospital Board shall have and exercise all powers necessary, incidental, or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the District or the Hospital Board is organized under the provisions of this act.

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

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

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2005.

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