An act relating to the City of Marco Island, Collier County; providing an exception to general law; authorizing the Department of Health to grant a license to the City of Marco Island to provide certain emergency medical transportation services upon the city meeting certain criteria; requiring a referendum; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 401.25(2)(d), Florida Statutes, the City of Marco Island is exempt from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from Collier County if all the following prerequisites are met:

(1) The City of Marco Island applies to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and the application is unapproved;

(2) A third party financial analysis is prepared of the city’s assumption of full emergency medical service transport services at the paramedic level; and

(3) A majority of those qualified electors residing within the City of Marco Island who participate by voting in the referendum described in section 3 vote to approve for the city to assume these additional services.

If all criteria set forth herein and in s. 401.25(2)(a), (b), and (c), Florida Statutes, are met, the Department of Health may issue a license to the City of Marco Island to enable the city’s Fire Rescue Department to provide prehospital or interfacility advanced life support services or basic life support transportation services.

Section 2. This act does not prevent the Department of Health from enforcing any other provision of chapter 401, Florida Statutes, in connection with the application or grant of a license to the City of Marco Island to provide emergency medical transportation services as described in section 1.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors residing within the City of Marco Island voting in a referendum to be held in conjunction with a primary election to be held in the City of Marco Island on August 28, 2018, except that this section shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2018.

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