CHAPTER 2004-436

House Bill No. 1227

An act relating to Collier County; amending chapter 2003-360, Laws of Florida; providing for determination of reasonable charges due a charitable hospital located in Collier County under a contract or agreement entered into between such hospital and a nongovernmental third-party payor; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1 of chapter 2003-360, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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(4) If no amount is paid or <u>is</u> at any time payable under any third-partypayor contract or agreement between the hospital and third-party payors, or from any other private, public, county, state, or federal insurance, contract, agreement, benefit, program, or plan, the amount of reasonable charges must be determined under the <u>nongovernmental</u> third-party-payor contract or agreement entered into between the hospital and a <u>nongovernmental</u> third-party payor which provides for the lowest charges agreed to as acceptable by the hospital, taking into account all reductions and write-offs provided for in the <u>nongovernmental</u> third-party-payor contract or agreement in effect at the time the charges were incurred.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2004.

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