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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract with certain organizations to provide services under the federal Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly in Hernando and Pasco Counties; providing an exemption from ch. 641, F.S., for the organizations; authorizing, subject to appropriation, enrollment slots for the program in such counties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes, and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract with one not-for-profit organization that has more than 30 years' experience as a licensed hospice and is currently a licensed hospice serving individuals and families in Hernando and Pasco Counties. This not-for-profit organization shall provide PACE services to frail elders who reside in Hernando and Pasco Counties. The organization shall be exempt from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly Affairs and subject to an appropriation, shall approve up to 150 initial enrollees in the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly established by

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this organization to serve frail elders who reside in Hernando and Pasco Counties.

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Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 430.707, Florida Statutes, and subject to federal approval of the application to be a site for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract with one private health care organization, the sole member of which is a private, not-for-profit corporation that owns and manages health care organizations licensed in Hernando and Pasco Counties that provide comprehensive services, including hospice and palliative care, to frail elders who reside in Hernando and Pasco Counties. The organization shall be exempt from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly Affairs and subject to an appropriation, shall approve up to 150 initial enrollees in the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly established by this organization to serve frail elders who reside in Hernando and Pasco Counties.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.