

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Halifax Hospital Medical Center,  
 3           Volusia County; providing legislative intent; amending  
 4           chapter 2003-374, Laws of Florida; confirming the  
 5           district has the authority to establish, construct,  
 6           operate, and maintain hospitals, facilities, and  
 7           services within and beyond the boundaries of the  
 8           district; specifying that ad valorem taxes be levied  
 9           and expended within the boundaries of the district;  
 10          providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting  
 15 this act to clarify and confirm that section 5 of chapter 2003-  
 16 374, Laws of Florida, as previously adopted, authorizes the  
 17 district to operate facilities and provide services both within  
 18 and beyond the geographic taxing boundaries of the district.

19           Section 2. Section 5 of chapter 2003-374, Laws of Florida,  
 20 is amended to read:

21           Section 5. The district may establish, construct, operate,  
 22 and maintain such hospitals, medical facilities, and other  
 23 health care facilities and services as are necessary, both  
 24 within and beyond the boundaries of the district. Ad valorem  
 25 taxes shall not be levied outside the boundaries of the district

26 | and ad valorem tax revenue shall not be expended or pledged for  
27 | services or facilities outside the boundaries of the district.  
28 | There shall be no restrictions on the expenditure of non-ad  
29 | valorem revenues. The hospitals, medical facilities, and other  
30 | health care facilities and services shall be established,  
31 | constructed, operated, and maintained by the district for the  
32 | preservation of the public health, for the public good, and for  
33 | the use of the public; and ~~of the district.~~ maintenance of such  
34 | hospitals, medical facilities, and other health care facilities  
35 | and services inside and outside ~~in~~ the district is hereby found  
36 | and declared to be a public purpose and necessary for the  
37 | general welfare of the public ~~residents of the district.~~

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