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 2 An act relating to St. Lucie County; providing an  
 3 exception to general law; providing definitions;  
 4 limiting compensation to a health care provider that  
 5 provides medical services for an inmate housed in a  
 6 St. Lucie County detention center if the provider does  
 7 not have a contract with the county to provide such  
 8 services; limiting compensation to an entity that  
 9 provides emergency medical transportation services for  
 10 an inmate housed in a St. Lucie County detention  
 11 center if the entity does not have a contract with the  
 12 county to provide such services; providing  
 13 applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the  
 18 contrary, this act and all rules adopted pursuant to this act  
 19 apply to the area located within St. Lucie County.

20 (2) As used in this act, the term:

21 (a) "Air ambulance" means a fixed-wing or rotary-wing  
 22 aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, air  
 23 transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or likely to  
 24 require medical attention during transport.

25 (b) "Ambulance" or "emergency medical services vehicle"

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26 means a privately or publicly owned vehicle or vessel that is  
 27 designed, constructed, reconstructed, maintained, equipped, or  
 28 operated for, and is used for, or intended to be used for, land  
 29 or water transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or  
 30 likely to require medical attention during transport.

31 (c) "Emergency medical transportation services" includes,  
 32 but is not limited to, services rendered by means of an  
 33 ambulance, emergency medical services vehicle, or air ambulance.

34 (d) "Health care provider" means:

35 1. A hospital licensed under chapter 395, Florida  
 36 Statutes.

37 2. A physician or physician assistant licensed under  
 38 chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

39 3. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant  
 40 licensed under chapter 459, Florida Statutes.

41 4. A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461,  
 42 Florida Statutes.

43 5. A health maintenance organization certificated under  
 44 part I of chapter 641, Florida Statutes.

45 6. An ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter  
 46 395, Florida Statutes.

47 7. An other medical facility as defined in paragraph (e).

48 8. A professional association, partnership, corporation,  
 49 joint venture, or other association composed of the persons  
 50 provided in subparagraphs 2., 3., and 4. for professional

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51 activity.

52 (e) "Other medical facility" means a facility the primary  
 53 purpose of which is to provide human medical diagnostic services  
 54 or a facility providing nonsurgical human medical treatment, to  
 55 which facility the patient is admitted and from which facility  
 56 the patient is discharged within the same working day, and which  
 57 facility is not part of a hospital. However, a facility existing  
 58 for the primary purpose of performing terminations of pregnancy  
 59 or an office maintained by a physician or dentist for the  
 60 practice of medicine may not be construed to be an "other  
 61 medical facility."

62 (3) Compensation to a health care provider to provide  
 63 medical services for an inmate housed in a St. Lucie County  
 64 detention center may not exceed 110 percent of the Medicare  
 65 allowable rate if the health care provider does not have a  
 66 contract with St. Lucie County to provide inmate medical  
 67 services. However, compensation to a health care provider may  
 68 not exceed 125 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if:

69 (a) The health care provider does not have a contract with  
 70 St. Lucie County to provide inmate medical services; and

71 (b) The health care provider reported a negative operating  
 72 margin for the previous year to the Agency for Health Care  
 73 Administration through hospital-audited financial data.

74 (4) Compensation to an entity to provide emergency medical  
 75 transportation services for an inmate housed in a St. Lucie

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76 | County detention center may not exceed 110 percent of the  
77 | Medicare allowable rate if the entity does not have a contract  
78 | with St. Lucie County to provide inmate emergency medical  
79 | transportation services.

80 | (5) This act does not apply to charges for medical  
81 | services provided at a hospital operated by St. Lucie County.

82 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.