CHAPTER 94-434

Senate Bill No. 2972

An act relating to Duval County, relating to the hospital facility in Jackson-ville Beach owned by the Beaches Public Hospital Special Taxing District, Duval County; providing for the approval by the Legislature of the sale of the assets and liabilities of the Beaches Public Hospital Special Taxing District, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, to Baptist Medical Center of the Beaches, Inc., d/b/a Baptist Medical Center - Beaches; requiring Baptist Medical Center - Beaches to provide certain indigent healthcare services; repealing chapter 82-291, Laws of Florida, being the Enabling Legislation of the Beaches Public Hospital Taxing District; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Approval of the sale of hospital facility and related assets and liabilities of taxing district.—Approval is hereby granted for the sale of the hospital facility, currently known as Baptist Medical Center - Beaches, and related assets and liabilities owned by the Beaches Public Hospital Special Taxing District to Baptist Medical Center of the Beaches, Inc., d/b/a Baptist Medical Center - Beaches ("BMC-B"), subject to the assumption by BMC-B of the principal and interest of all indebtedness and all other liabilities of the taxing district outstanding on the date that title to the taxing district's assets is transferred to BMC-B.

Section 2. Indigent care.—As a precondition to such sale, BMC-B shall agree to continue to provide, within its service capabilities, hospital services to the indigent residents of the taxing district, that being the part of Duval County which lies south of the St. Johns River and east of the East Coast Canal.

Section 3. Dissolution of Beaches Public Hospital Special Taxing District.—Upon the effective date of the transfer of title to its assets to BMC-B, the Beaches Public Hospital Special Taxing District shall be dissolved and chapter 82-291, Laws of Florida, shall be repealed in its entirety, together with all special acts amendatory thereof.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 28, 1994.

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