

Health Care Sector Wants Exemptions from CRA Payments

SB 1972 would exclude any hospital district, county hospital or health trust from paying into Community Redevelopment Agency trust funds. HB 7107 is the house companion, but does not contain any CRA related language as of April 20. The house bill is a general bill by the Appropriations Committee, Health & Human Services Committee, and Representative Schenk.

If this provision would impact your CRA, please contact the FRA office as soon as possible. In the meantime, we recommend that you contact your legislators to indicate the following:

- 1) CRAs would lose funding without any say in the process, due to local fights over money, unilaterally taken away by the legislature
- 2) There is a clear process NOW in statute 163.387(2)(d) where the district merely has to request the exemption, this is clearly weighted on side of hospital/district
- 3) This section in Chapter 163 has been used statewide, recently, and very successfully – the legislature should stay out of this fight.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1972: Health and Human Services

GENERAL BILL by Budget; Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Appropriations; Health Regulation; Negron; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Gaetz; Garcia; Hays

Health and Human Services; Exempts hospital districts from the requirement to provide funding to a community redevelopment agency. Provides for medical assistance for children in out-of-home care and adopted children. Revises provisions relating to conditions for Medicaid eligibility. Establishes the Medicaid managed care program as the statewide, integrated managed care program for medical assistance and long-term care services. Requires all Medicaid recipients to be enrolled in Medicaid managed care. Establishes regions for separate procurement of plans, etc.

EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law

LANGUAGE CURRENTLY IN BILL :

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

511 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section

512 163.387, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

513 163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.—

514 (2)

515 (c) The following public bodies or taxing authorities are

516 exempt from paragraph (a):

517 1. A special district that levies ad valorem taxes on

518 taxable real property in more than one county.

519 2. A special district for which the sole available source

520 of revenue the district has the authority to levy is ad valorem
521 taxes at the time an ordinance is adopted under this section.
522 However, revenues or aid that may be dispensed or appropriated
523 to a district as defined in s. 388.011 at the discretion of an
524 entity other than such district shall not be deemed available.

525 3. A library district, except a library district in a
526 jurisdiction where the community redevelopment agency had
527 validated bonds as of April 30, 1984.

528 4. A neighborhood improvement district created under the
529 Safe Neighborhoods Act.

530 5. A metropolitan transportation authority.

531 6. A water management district created under s. 373.069.

532 7. A hospital district that is a special district as
533 defined in s. 189.403, a county hospital that has taxing
534 authority under chapter 155, or a public health trust
535 established pursuant to s. 154.07.

Section 2. Section 200.186, Florida Statutes, is created to
537 read:

538 200.186 Hospital districts.—Notwithstanding any special act
539 or other law governing the expenditure of ad valorem revenues,
540 ad valorem revenues raised pursuant to a special act
541 establishing a hospital district, by a county hospital pursuant
542 to chapter 155, or a public health trust established pursuant to
543 s. 154.07, and disbursed by the district, county hospital, or
544 trust to municipalities or other organizations, may be used only
545 to pay for health care services.