

SENATE BILL No. 1357

July 26, 2006, Introduced by Senators McMANUS, KUIPERS, ALLEN, BROWN, BIRKHOLZ, GOSCHKA and HAMMERSTROM and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 47, entitled

"An act to authorize 2 or more cities, townships, and villages, or any combination of cities, townships, and villages, to incorporate a hospital authority for planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating 1 or more community hospitals and related buildings or structures and related facilities; to provide for the sale, lease, or other transfer of a hospital owned by a hospital authority to a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of this state for no or nominal monetary consideration; to define hospitals and community hospitals; to provide for changes in the membership therein; to authorize the cities, townships, and villages to levy taxes for community hospital purposes; to provide for the issuance of bonds; to provide for the pledge of assessments; to provide for borrowing money for operation and maintenance and issuing notes for operation and maintenance; to validate elections heretofore held and notes heretofore issued; to validate bonds heretofore issued; to authorize condemnation proceedings; to grant certain powers of a body corporate; to validate and ratify the organization, existence, and membership of entities acting as hospital authorities under the act and the actions taken by hospital authorities and by the members of the hospital authorities; and to prescribe penalties and provide

remedies,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 331.1).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) Two or more cities, villages, or townships, or a
2 combination of cities, villages, or townships, by resolution of
3 their respective legislative bodies, approved by a majority vote of
4 the qualified electors of each of those cities, villages, or
5 townships, may join to form a hospital authority and issue bonds
6 for the purpose of planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing,
7 improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and
8 operating, either within or without the city, village, or township
9 limits, 1 or more community hospitals and related buildings or
10 structures and related facilities, subject to the tax limitation
11 provided in this act. The power granted in this section shall be
12 considered an enlargement of a power granted to a city, village, or
13 township by its respective charter or the laws of this state.

14 (2) As used in this act, "hospitals" and "community hospitals
15 and related facilities" mean buildings or structures and related
16 facilities suitable, intended for, incidental, or ancillary to the
17 care of the sick, ~~or~~ wounded, **OR ELDERLY**, or for the care of
18 persons requiring medical treatment and buildings or structures and
19 related facilities shared by 1 or more hospitals, including an
20 outpatient clinic; an ambulatory care facility; **A LONG-TERM CARE**
21 **FACILITY; AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY; A HOME FOR THE AGED; A**
22 **SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING FACILITY; A HEALTH AND WELLNESS FACILITY;** a
23 diagnostic facility; a shared service facility; a laundry; a
24 nurse's, doctor's, or intern's residence; an administration

1 building; a building or structure used for research directly
2 involved with medical care; a maintenance, storage, or utility
3 building and related equipment; a parking lot or garage;
4 furnishings; and the land necessary or convenient for use for the
5 building or structure; an office facility not less than 80% of
6 which is intended for lease or use by direct providers of health
7 care, and which has been determined by the department of public
8 health to meet a demonstrated need and is geographically or
9 functionally related to 1 or more hospital facilities, if the
10 authority determines that the financing of the office facility is
11 necessary to accomplish the purposes and objectives of this act.