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AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 916, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 2007, TO EXPAND THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FORREST COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO ALL VIOLATIONS OF LAW THAT OCCUR ON OR WITHIN 500 FEET OF ANY PROPERTY LEASED OR MANAGED BY FORREST COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Chapter 916, Local and Private Laws of 2007, is amended as follows:

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the meanings herein ascribed unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of Forrest County General Hospital.

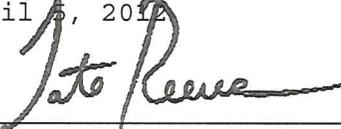
(b) "Hospital" means Forrest County General Hospital.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees of Forrest County General Hospital, in its discretion, may employ persons certified as law enforcement officers by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training under the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 45, Mississippi Code of 1972. Such officers, when so employed, shall be vested with the powers and subjected to the duties of a constable for the purpose of preventing all violations of law that occur on or within five hundred (500) feet of any property owned, leased or managed by the hospital, if the board determines that it wants such law enforcement officers to exercise such powers and if reasonably determined to have a possible impact on the safety of hospital employees, staff, patients or visitors while on such property. However, nothing in this act shall be interpreted to

require action by any such law enforcement officer employed by the hospital with regard to any activity occurring off the boundaries of * * * property owned, leased or managed by the hospital, nor shall the board, any member of the board, any hospital employee or any member of the hospital staff be liable for any failure to act with regard to any event, situation or activity occurring off the boundaries of property owned, leased or managed by the hospital. The board may enter into interlocal agreements with other law enforcement entities for the provision of equipment or traffic control duties; however, the duty to enforce traffic regulations and to enforce the laws of the state or municipality off * * * property owned, leased or managed by the hospital lies with the local police or sheriff's department which may not withhold its services solely because of the lack of such an agreement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
April 5, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
April 19, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



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