

House Bill 268

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the regulation of hospitals, so as to repeal Code Section 31-7-7.1, relating to denial  
3 of hospital staff privileges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
7 regulation of hospitals, is amended by repealing Code Section 31-7-7.1, relating to denial of  
8 hospital staff privileges, which reads as follows:

9 "31-7-7.1.

10 Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 31-7-7, if a hospital offers or provides a  
11 service which is within the scope of practice of a person licensed as a doctor of podiatric  
12 medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, or doctor of dentistry, that hospital may not deny  
13 to any such licensee staff privileges at such hospital based solely upon that person's  
14 license, board certification, or specialty membership in a professional association."

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.