

House Bill 1565

By: Representative Byrd of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-7-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 income tax credits for rural physicians, so as to change the definition of rural physician and
3 rural hospital for purposes of qualifying for such credit; to provide for an effective date; to
4 provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 48-7-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax
8 credits for rural physicians, is amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a),
9 and inserting in their places new paragraphs (2) and (3) to read as follows:

10 "~~(3)~~(2) 'Rural hospital' means an acute-care hospital located in a rural county that
11 contains fewer than ~~80~~ 100 beds.

12 ~~(2)~~(3) 'Rural physician' means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, who
13 practices in a rural county and resides in a rural county or a county contiguous to the rural
14 county in which such physician practices and primarily admits patients to a rural hospital
15 and practices in the fields of family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics,
16 internal medicine, or general surgery."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective January 1, 2003, and is applicable to all taxable years
19 beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.