

ADOPTED SENATE

1 Senator Walker of the 22nd offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute to HB 585 by striking
3 "Article 6 of" on line 1 on page 1; by inserting "pharmacists and" before "pharmacies" on
4 line 2 on page 1; by inserting "to provide for the regulation of the activities and use of
5 pharmacy technicians;" after "so as" on line 2 on page 1; by redesignating Sections 1 and 2
6 as Sections 2 and 3, respectively; and by inserting after line 4 on page 1 the following:

7 **"SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and
9 pharmacies, is amended by striking subsection (d) of Code Section 26-4-82, relating to duties
10 requiring professional judgment, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d) to read
11 as follows:

12 '(d) The board of pharmacy shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the activities
13 and utilization of pharmacy technicians in pharmacies; provided, however, that the
14 pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio shall not exceed one pharmacist providing direct
15 supervision of ~~two~~ three pharmacy technicians. The board may consider and approve an
16 application to increase the ratio in a pharmacy located in a licensed hospital. Such
17 application must be made in writing and must be submitted to the board by the pharmacist
18 in charge of a specific hospital pharmacy in this state. One of the three technicians must
19 have successfully passed a certification program approved by the board of pharmacy. No
20 technician shall work in this state without registering with the board within a period of time
21 as prescribed by the board and meeting all qualifications as set forth by the board. This
22 subsection shall become effective only upon the expressed and specific appropriation of
23 funds by the General Assembly to carry out the purpose of this Act."