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1 Senators Price of the 56th and Tanksley of the 32nd offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the Senate committee substitute to HB 263 by inserting on line 9 of page 1, following
3 the word and symbol "penalties;", the following:

4 "to amend Code Section 31-39-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
5 persons authorized to issue order not to resuscitate, so as to provide that certain persons
6 may issue such orders;".

7 By inserting immediately before Section 4 of such bill the following:

8 **"SECTION 3A.**

9 Code Section 31-39-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons
10 authorized to issue order not to resuscitate, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection
11 (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 '(a) It shall be lawful for the attending physician to issue an order not to resuscitate
13 pursuant to the requirements of this chapter. Any written order issued by the attending
14 physician using the term "do not resuscitate," "DNR," "order not to resuscitate," "no
15 code," or substantially similar language in the patient's chart shall constitute a legally
16 sufficient order and shall authorize a physician, health care professional, staff member
17 of an assisted living facility or a personal care home, or emergency medical technician
18 to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such an order shall remain
19 effective, whether or not the patient is receiving treatment from or is a resident of a
20 health care facility, until the order is canceled as provided in Code Section 31-39-5 or
21 until consent for such order is revoked as provided in Code Section 31-39-6, whichever
22 occurs earlier. An attending physician who has issued such an order and who transfers
23 care of the patient to another physician shall inform the receiving physician and the
24 health care facility, if applicable, of the order."