

House Bill 471

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd, Hudson of the 156th, Coleman of the 142nd, Royal of the 164th, Parrish of the 144th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health
2 care facilities, so as to exempt the purchase, sale, or lease of certain rural hospitals from
3 certain restrictions relating to those transactions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health care
8 facilities, is amended by adding at the end of Code Section 31-7-89.1, relating to sale or lease
9 of hospital authority owned hospitals, a new subsection to read as follows:
10 "(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, the sale or lease
11 of assets of a hospital which is a rural hospital, as defined in paragraph (4) of subsection
12 (c) of Code Section 31-7-94.1, shall not be subject to Article 15 of this chapter."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
15 without such approval.

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.