

House Bill 953

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-12-141 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians performing abortions, and Code Section 31-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits for certain institutions, so as to provide for the regulation of certain facilities and offices in which first trimester abortions are performed; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-12-141 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians performing abortions, is amended by striking subsection (b) thereof and inserting in its place the following:

"(b) No abortion is authorized or shall be performed after the first trimester unless the abortion is performed in a licensed hospital or in a health facility licensed as an abortion facility by the Department of Human Resources. Any facility, including but not limited to a physician's office but not including a hospital, in which five or more first trimester abortions are performed in any month must be licensed as an abortion facility by that department."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 31-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits for certain institutions, is amended by adding at the end a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) The department shall promulgate regulations for abortion facilities, as described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of Code Section 31-7-1, concerning sanitation, housekeeping, maintenance, staff qualifications, emergency equipment and procedures to provide emergency care, medical records and reports, laboratory, procedure and recovery rooms, physical plant, quality assurance, infection control, and information on and access

1 to patient follow-up care in order to protect the health of women obtaining abortions in
2 those facilities."

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.