

Senate Bill 54

By: Senators Ragan of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Cagle of the 49<sup>th</sup> and Hooks of the 14<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to physicians, so as to provide that agents or personnel of the office of Secretary of  
3 State will conduct investigations on behalf of the Composite State Board of Medical  
4 Examiners and provide for procedures, complaints, and funding relating thereto; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 physicians, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (e) of Code Section 43-34-24.1,  
10 relating to the independent status of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, and  
11 inserting in their respective places the following:

12 "(a) The board shall not be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State but shall be an  
13 independent state agency attached to the Department of Community Health for  
14 administrative purposes only, as provided in Code Section 50-4-3, except that such  
15 department shall prepare and submit the budget for the board and except that agents or  
16 personnel of the office of Secretary of State, and not the board, shall conduct investigations  
17 for the board as provided in Code Section 43-34-37. The board shall not be a professional  
18 licensing board but shall have with respect to all matters within the jurisdiction of the  
19 Composite State Board of Medical Examiners as provided under this chapter the powers,  
20 duties, and functions of such licensing boards as provided in Chapter 1 of this title but shall  
21 not have investigatory powers."

22 "~~(e) The board, through the executive director, may hire investigators for the purpose of~~  
23 ~~conducting investigations for the board and those persons shall be designated as~~  
24 ~~investigators and have the powers, duties, and status of investigators for professional~~  
25 ~~licensing boards under Code Section 43-1-5. Reserved."~~

