

House Bill 988

By: Representative Buckner of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 9 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 consent for surgical or medical treatment, so as to prohibit a hospital, after a patient has been
3 admitted to the hospital from that hospital's emergency room, from transferring such patient
4 to a different hospital without the patient's consent and the approval of the attending
5 physician; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 9 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to consent for
9 surgical or medical treatment, is amended by adding after Code Section 31-9-7 a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "31-9-8.

12 No patient having been admitted to a hospital from such hospital's emergency room shall
13 be transferred to another hospital without the consent of the patient or a person authorized
14 to consent for the patient and the approval of the patient's attending physician."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.