

House Bill 54

By: Representative Childers of the 13th, Post 1

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 23 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eye
2 banks, so as to change the provisions regarding who may operate eye banks; to repeal
3 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 23 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eye banks, is
7 amended by striking Code Section 31-23-3, relating to who may operate eye banks, and
8 inserting in its place the following:

9 "31-23-3.

10 Any ~~nonprofit~~ facility, hospital, or any medical school in conjunction with the department
11 or school of ophthalmology of such medical school, alone or in further conjunction with
12 other charitable organizations, may establish and maintain an eye bank in, under, or in
13 affiliation with such hospital or medical school upon approval for the establishment of the
14 eye bank by the Department of Human Resources, if the eye bank meets the medical
15 standards approved by the Eye Bank Association of America and such facility, hospital,
16 or medical school is a nonprofit organization and is not a subsidiary of a for profit
17 corporation or business entity. Upon the establishment of any eye bank as authorized in
18 this Code section, the extraction, removal, care, preservation, storage, and use of human
19 eyes or parts thereof for any of the purposes for which eye banks may be established may
20 begin in such facility or as authorized by such facility. The eye bank shall have the right
21 to receive gifts, donations, and bequests for the purposes stated in this Code section."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.