

House Bill 56

By: Representative Childers of the 13th, Post 1

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 44 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to renal
2 disease facilities, so as to provide for the Georgia Association of Kidney Patients to
3 recommend one member of the Renal Dialysis Advisory Council; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 44 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to renal disease
8 facilities, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 31-44-3, relating to adoption
9 of rules, establishment of a council, and terms of councilmembers, and inserting in its place
10 the following:

11 "(b) The department shall establish a Renal Dialysis Advisory Council to advise the
12 department regarding licensing and inspection of end stage renal disease facilities. The
13 council shall be composed of a minimum of 13 persons appointed by the board: one
14 member recommended by the Dogwood Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses
15 Association; one member recommended by the Georgia ~~Chapter of the American~~
16 Association of Kidney Patients; two physicians specializing in nephrology recommended
17 by the Georgia Renal Physicians Association; one member recommended by the National
18 Kidney Foundation of Georgia; two administrators of facilities certified as outpatient
19 dialysis facilities in Georgia; three members of the general public, two of whom shall be
20 dialysis patients or family members of dialysis patients; one member representing
21 technicians working in renal dialysis facilities; one member representing social workers
22 working in renal dialysis facilities; and one member representing nutritionists working in
23 renal dialysis facilities."

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

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.