

The House Committee on Ways and Means offers the following substitute to HR 587:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create a trauma center and hospital  
2 emergency room support fund in which shall be deposited fees collected from certain  
3 providers of ambulatory surgical center, laboratory, X-ray, or other diagnostic or imaging  
4 services and from which funds may be designated for the purpose of providing financial  
5 assistance to the state's designated trauma centers and hospitals with 24 hour emergency  
6 rooms; to provide for payments into the fund; to provide for administration of the fund; to  
7 provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or  
8 rejection; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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#### SECTION 1.

11 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new  
12 subparagraph immediately following subparagraph (m), to be designated subparagraph (n),  
13 to read as follows:

14 "(n) There is created a trauma center and hospital emergency room support fund in which  
15 fees collected from providers of certain ambulatory surgical center, laboratory, X-ray, or  
16 other diagnostic or imaging services shall be deposited and from which the General  
17 Assembly may designate any part or all of such proceeds for the purpose of providing  
18 financial assistance to the state's trauma centers and hospitals with 24 hour emergency  
19 rooms for the provision of care to patients. Moneys paid into the fund shall not lapse, the  
20 provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) notwithstanding. This fund shall  
21 consist of all moneys collected from provider fees, contributions to the fund from any  
22 source, and all interest thereon and shall be administered by the Department of Community  
23 Health or any other state agency or authority designated by the General Assembly. The  
24 General Assembly may provide by general law for the accounting of the funds received and  
25 expended."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
3 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution.

4 The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon  
5 the following:

6 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to create a trauma center and  
7 hospital emergency room support fund from which funds may be designated  
8 ( ) NO for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Georgia's trauma centers  
9 and hospitals with 24 hour emergency rooms?"

10 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

11 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
12 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in such Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
13 become a part of the Constitution of this state.