

House Bill 1324

By: Representatives Watson of the 60th, Post 2, Orrock of the 51st, Bordeaux of the 125th,
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to reckless conduct, so as to provide that it shall be unlawful for a railroad company
3 or an employee of a railroad company to deny or otherwise interfere with medical treatment
4 for an employee who is injured during the course of his or her employment; to provide for
5 penalties; 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 Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 reckless conduct, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Code Section 16-5-62 to
10 read as follows:

11 "16-5-62.

12 It shall be unlawful for a railroad company or person employed by a railroad company to:

- 13 (1) Deny, delay, or interfere with medical treatment or first aid treatment to an employee
14 of a railroad company who has been injured during employment; or
15 (2) Discipline or threaten discipline to an employee of a railroad company who has been
16 injured during employment for requesting medical treatment or first aid treatment for
17 such injury.

18 A railroad company or a person who violates paragraph (1) or (2) of this Code section shall
19 be fined not more than \$10,000.00 for each violation, and a person shall be imprisoned for
20 not more than one year, or both."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.