

House Bill 1381

By: Representatives Harrell of the 54th and Howard of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to reporting abuse or exploitation of residents in long-term care facilities, so as to
3 change the definition of abuse to include physical, psychological, or emotional injury; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 reporting abuse or exploitation of residents in long-term care facilities, is amended by
9 striking paragraph (1) of Code Section 31-8-81, relating to definitions, and inserting in its
10 place the following:

11 "(1) 'Abuse' means any intentional or grossly negligent act or series of acts or intentional
12 or grossly negligent omission to act which causes physical, psychological, or emotional
13 injury to a resident, including, but not limited to, assault or battery, failure to provide
14 treatment or care, or sexual harassment of the resident."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.