

House Bill 1573

By: Representative Scott of the 138th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to limit the rates charged by
3 a hospital that owns a managed care plan, in whole or in part, to patients who do not
4 participate in such managed care plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to
10 read as follows:

11 "31-7-17.

12 No hospital that owns any managed care plan as defined in Code Section 33-20A-3, in
13 whole or in part, shall charge an uninsured patient or a patient with health care coverage
14 other than such managed care plan an amount greater than the rate charged by the hospital
15 for the specific service or services rendered under such managed care plan."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.