

House Bill 57

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the death penalty generally, so as to protect physicians and medical professionals  
3 involved in state ordered executions from challenges to their licensure solely on the basis of  
4 their participation in such executions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
9 death penalty generally, is amended by adding a new Code section following Code Section  
10 17-10-42 to be designated Code Section 17-10-42.1 to read as follows:

11 "17-10-42.1.

12 Participation in any execution of the death penalty carried out under this article may not  
13 be the subject of any licensure challenge, suspension, or revocation for any physician or  
14 medical professional licensed in the State of Georgia."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.