

House Bill 350

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to physician's assistants, so as to provide that a physician's assistant can provide
3 services to disadvantaged patients at no cost under a temporary practice agreement; 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 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 physician's assistants, is amended by adding a new subsection to the end of Code Section
9 43-34-103, relating to applications for assistants, to read as follows:

10 "(h) A physician and a physician's assistant may enter into a temporary practice agreement
11 exempt from any filing fees with the board by which agreement the physician supervises
12 the services provided by the physician's assistant to patients at a specific facility or
13 program operated by any organization exempt from federal taxes pursuant to
14 Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, provided that:

- 15 (1) Such services are provided primarily to financially disadvantaged patients;
- 16 (2) Services are free or at a charge to the patient based solely on the patient's ability to
17 pay and provided, further, that such charges do not exceed the actual cost to the facility
18 or program;
- 19 (3) The supervising physician and the physician's assistant voluntarily and gratuitously
20 donate their services;
- 21 (4) A copy of the temporary practice agreement, signed by both the supervising
22 physician and the physician's assistant, is on file at the facility or program and is sent to
23 the board;
- 24 (5) The temporary practice agreement is for a specified period of time, limits the services
25 of the physician's assistant to those services within the scope of practice of the

1 supervising physician, and is signed by both the supervising physician and physician's
2 assistant prior to the physician's assistant providing patient services; and
3 (6) The facility or program has notified the board of its intent to provide patient services
4 and utilize licensed physicians and physician's assistants under the conditions set out in
5 this subsection."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.