

House Bill 873

By: Representatives Walker of the 107th, Hudson of the 124th, Day of the 163rd, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

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 allow physician's assistants to render assistance
3 during a state of emergency or public health emergency; to provide an effective date; 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 style="text-align:center">**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 (h) to Code Section
9 43-34-103, relating to the duties and scope of employment of physician's assistants, to read
10 as follows:

11 "(h)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, a physician's
12 assistant licensed pursuant to this article or licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to
13 practice in any other state or federal jurisdiction and whose license, certification, or
14 authorization is in good standing who voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the
15 ordinary course of the physician's assistant's employment or practice responds to a need
16 for medical care created by a state of emergency or public health emergency may render
17 such care that the physician's assistant is able to provide with such supervision as is
18 available, and in accordance with applicable guidelines established by the Composite
19 State Board of Medical Examiners. The authority granted by this Code section shall last
20 no longer than the duration of the public health emergency or state of emergency.

21 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'public health emergency' has the same
22 meaning as in paragraph (6) of Code Section 38-3-3, and the term 'state of emergency'
23 has the same meaning as in paragraph (7) of Code Section 38-3-3."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.