

House Bill 1224

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th, Cooper of the 41st, Brown of the 69th, Sheldon of the 105th, and Manning of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-8-192 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 definitions relative to the "'Health Share' Volunteers in Medicine Act"; so as to revise the
3 definitions of "low-income" and "volunteer"; to provide for an effective date; to provide for
4 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 Code Section 31-8-192 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definitions
8 relative to the "'Health Share' Volunteers in Medicine Act", is amended by striking
9 paragraphs (5) and (8) and inserting in their respective places the following:

10 "(5) 'Low-income' means:

11 (A) A person who is Medicaid eligible under the laws of this state;

12 (B) A person:

13 (i) Who is without health insurance; or

14 (ii) Who has health insurance that does not cover the injury, illness, or condition for
15 which treatment is sought; and

16 whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as
17 defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget;

18 (C) A person:

19 (i) Who is without dental insurance; or

20 (ii) Who has dental insurance that does not cover the injury, illness, or condition for
21 which treatment is sought; and

22 whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as
23 defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget; or

24 (D) Any client or beneficiary of the department or the Department of Human
25 Resources who voluntarily chooses to participate in a program offered or approved by
26 the department or the Department of Human Resources and meets the program

1 eligibility guidelines of the department or the Department of Human Resources whose
2 family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined
3 annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget."

4 "(8) 'Volunteer' means any person who, of his or her own free will, provides goods or
5 services in support of or in assistance to the program of health care services provided
6 pursuant to this article to any governmental contractor, with ~~no~~ or without monetary or
7 material compensation. This term shall not include a health care provider."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

10 **SECTION 3.**

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