

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 1224:

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~~ and in support of or in assistance to the program of health care services provided  
6 pursuant to this article to any governmental contractor, provides goods or clerical  
7 services, computer services, or administrative support services, with ~~no~~ or without  
8 monetary or material compensation. This term shall not include a health care provider."

9 **SECTION 2.**

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

11 **SECTION 3.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.