

House Bill 1473

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require prior legislative approval for the  
3 submission of certain waivers pursuant to Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act;  
4 to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:  
10 "49-4-142.1.

11 On and after the effective date of this Code section, neither the department, the board, nor  
12 any other representative of the state shall submit any request to the United States  
13 Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
14 for a waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act without prior  
15 legislative approval. This shall only apply to waivers that relate to Medicaid  
16 modernization, Medicaid transformation, or a Medicaid reform model that would affect  
17 20,000 or more individuals in Georgia Medicaid population. The prior legislative approval  
18 required under this Code section shall be by Act of the General Assembly or the adoption  
19 of a joint resolution of the General Assembly."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.