

The House Committee on Judiciary Non-civil offers the following substitute to
HB 888:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to abortion, so as to require facilities where abortions are performed to have or have
3 access to certain medical equipment; to require such facilities to perform certain procedures
4 prior to performing an abortion; to provide for certain forms; to provide a penalty for
5 violations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 abortion, is amended by adding a new Code Section 16-12-141.2 to read as follows:

11 "16-12-141.2.

12 (a) All facilities in which abortions are performed shall have functional ultrasound or
13 sonogram equipment on site or shall have access to such equipment through other facilities.

14 (b) An ultrasound or sonogram examination of each unborn child shall be performed prior
15 to an abortion being performed. Such examination may be performed on site or by referral
16 to another facility for the performance of such examination.

17 (c) As a part of the informed consent to the abortion procedure, a pregnant female desiring
18 an abortion shall be offered an opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image of
19 her unborn child.

20 (d) The Department of Human Resources shall develop and distribute a form by which
21 physicians who perform abortions may verify that the pregnant female was offered an
22 opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image of her unborn child prior to the
23 abortion being performed.

24 (e) It shall be illegal to fail intentionally or to refuse to offer a pregnant female desiring an
25 abortion an opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image of her unborn child prior

1 to performing an abortion. Violation of this Code section shall be punished as for a
2 misdemeanor.

3 (f) An ultrasound or sonogram examination shall not be required pursuant to this Code
4 section where a pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, either of which shall be
5 documented by a police report. Neither shall an ultrasound or sonogram be required when
6 an abortion is medically necessary as a result of a medical emergency."

7 **SECTION 2.**

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