

The Senate Appropriations Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1473:

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 a limit on the effective date of the Medicaid estate recovery program; to
5 provide for substantial and unreasonable hardship waivers when the estate of the Medicaid
6 recipient is valued at \$100,000.00 or less; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for
7 installment payments; to provide for submission of an amendment to the state plan; to
8 provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
9 for other purposes.

10 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
13 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "49-4-142.1.

15 On and after the effective date of this Code section, neither the department, the board, nor
16 any other representative of the state shall submit any request to the United States
17 Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
18 for a waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act without prior
19 legislative approval. This shall only apply to waivers that relate to Medicaid
20 modernization, Medicaid transformation, or a Medicaid reform model that would affect
21 20,000 or more individuals in Georgia Medicaid population. The prior legislative approval
22 required under this Code section shall be by Act of the General Assembly or the adoption
23 of a joint resolution of the General Assembly."

1 **SECTION 4.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.