

House Bill 337

By: Representatives Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Butler of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Coan of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Knox of the 24<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions relative to state health planning and development, so as to revise the definition  
3 of "new institutional health service"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 31-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 relative to state health planning and development, is amended by revising division  
9 (14)(G)(iii) as follows:

10 "(iii) Surgery in an operating room environment, including but not limited to  
11 ambulatory surgery; provided, however, this provision shall not apply to surgery  
12 performed in the offices of an individual private physician or single group practice of  
13 private physicians if such surgery is performed in a facility that is owned, operated,  
14 and utilized by such physicians who also are of a single specialty and the capital  
15 expenditure associated with the construction, development, or other establishment of  
16 the clinical health service does not exceed the amount of \$1 million and provided,  
17 further, that for purposes of this division, general surgery shall be treated in all  
18 respects in the same manner as a single specialty, including applicable rules and  
19 regulations of the department as they relate to this division and to single specialties;  
20 and"

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.