

Senate Bill 134

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Adelman of the 42nd, Harp of the 29th and Carter of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 15 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to hospital acquisition, so as to change certain provisions relating to content and
3 form of notice to the Attorney General, fees, and retention of experts; to provide an effective
4 date; 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 Article 15 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 hospital acquisition, is amended by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section
9 31-7-402, relating to content and form of notice to the Attorney General, fees, and retention
10 of experts, as follows:

11 ~~"(c) Notice to the Attorney General shall be accompanied by the payment by either the~~
12 ~~seller or lessor, or by the acquiring entity, of a fee in the amount of \$50,000.00.~~

13 ~~(d) The Attorney General shall be authorized to retain financial, economic, health~~
14 ~~planning, or other experts or consultants to assist in addressing each of the criteria set forth~~
15 ~~in Code Section 31-7-406. The Attorney General shall be authorized to retain financial,~~
16 ~~economic, health planning, or other experts or consultants to assist in addressing each of~~
17 ~~the criteria set forth in Code Section 31-7-406. Within 30 days after notice from the~~
18 ~~Attorney General, the cost and expense incurred in connection with the retention of such~~
19 ~~experts or consultants shall be paid directly to each of such experts and consultants by the~~
20 ~~parties to the proposed transaction in such proportionate amounts as the parties to the~~
21 ~~proposed transaction may agree or otherwise as determined by the Attorney General;~~
22 ~~provided, however, that the parties to the proposed transaction shall not be required to pay~~
23 ~~any portion of such cost and expense that exceeds a total amount of \$60,000.00."~~

1 **SECTION 2.**

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

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.