

House Bill 557

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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 provide that an applicant for medical  
3 assistance born prior to December 31, 1919, shall not be required to have a birth certificate  
4 as proof of identification for purposes of eligibility for medical assistance; to provide for  
5 applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "49-4-150.1.

12 (a) Unless otherwise mandated by federal law or regulation, the department shall not  
13 require a birth certificate from an applicant for medical assistance who was born prior to  
14 December 31, 1919, as proof of identification for purposes of eligibility for medical  
15 assistance. Such applicant may show proof of identification through other means, as  
16 determined by the department, including, but not limited to, an expired driver's license or  
17 other photographic identification or an affidavit signed by the applicant listing the names  
18 of the applicant's parents and the applicant's birthdate.

19 (b) This Code section shall apply to applications submitted by applicants for medical  
20 assistance on and after the effective date of this Code section."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.