

Senate Bill 287

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to building requirements in general, so as to require that certain state licensed
3 facilities and public buildings in which young children are invited, regularly permitted, or
4 receiving services shall be constructed or refitted to include certain child safety outlets,
5 covers, or plugs; to provide a date for compliance; to provide for applicability; to provide
6 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 building requirements in general, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

11 "Part 1A

12 8-2-10.

13 All state licensed facilities and public buildings in which young children are invited or
14 regularly permitted or in which they receive services shall be subject to the requirements
15 of this Code section. Each such building or facility shall be constructed or retrofitted to
16 include child safety outlets, child safe outlet covers, or removable outlet safety plugs that
17 are larger than 1 3/4 inches in diameter, ventilated, and installed and maintained in all
18 electrical outlets that are located in any unlocked or accessible area of such facility or
19 building when not in use in such facility or building. Any state licensed facility or public
20 building constructed prior to July 1, 2007, shall have until July 1, 2009, to comply with this
21 Code section. Any state licensed facility or public building constructed on or after July 1,
22 2007, or any expansion of an existing state licensed facility or public building, shall
23 comply with this Code section as part of the construction of such facility or building or any
24 such expansion."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.