

House Bill 1105 (AM)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to require hospitals to offer  
3 certain vaccinations to inpatients aged 65 years or older; to provide certain immunity for a  
4 hospital or health care provider acting in good faith; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to  
10 read as follows:

11 "31-7-17.

12 Annually between October 1 through March 1, prior to discharging any inpatient who is  
13 65 years of age or older, a hospital shall offer the inpatient vaccinations for the influenza  
14 virus and pneumococcal disease, unless contraindicated and contingent on availability of  
15 such vaccine, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations of the department.

16 A hospital or health care provider acting in good faith and in accordance with generally  
17 accepted health care standards applicable to such hospital or health care provider shall not  
18 be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal liability or to discipline for unprofessional  
19 conduct for complying with the requirements of this Code section."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.