

House Bill 1438

By: Representatives Dobbs of the 53rd, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Channell of the 116th, Lindsey of the 54th, Ashe of the 56th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relating to health, so as to provide for the distribution of
3 informational videos on health related topics by hospitals and other health care facilities to
4 mothers of newborn infants; to provide for a definition; to provide that such requirement is
5 contingent on available funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 general provisions relating to health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
11 follows:

12 "31-1-11.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'medical facility' means a hospital, birthing
14 center, or other health care facility where human births occur on a regular and ongoing
15 basis.

16 (b) The department shall distribute informational videos in an appropriate format to each
17 medical facility in order to provide the information described in this Code section to each
18 mother of a newborn infant born in such medical facility. Each medical facility shall
19 provide an opportunity for each mother to view the video while in the medical facility and
20 shall also provide a copy of such video to the mother at the time of her release from the
21 medical facility.

22 (c) Such videos shall include information on proper nutrition for infants and children,
23 exercise, and other health related topics beneficial to a mother of a newborn child. All
24 information included in the video shall be approved by the department. The department
25 shall produce and duplicate such videos or may accept the donation of such videos from
26 outside sources at its discretion.

27 (d) This Code section shall be subject to available funding to the department for such
28 purposes. State funding, federal funding, or private donations may be used to produce,
29 copy, and distribute the videos provided pursuant to this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.