

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 184:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to marriage license and ceremony, so as to provide for the public dissemination of
3 information relating to sickle cell disease; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 marriage license and ceremony, is amended by revising Code Section 19-3-40, which is
9 reserved, as follows:

10 "19-3-40.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'blood test for sickle cell disease' means a blood
12 test for sickle cell anemia, sickle cell trait, and other detectable abnormal hemoglobin.

13 (b) The Department of Human Resources shall prepare information for public
14 dissemination on the department's website describing the importance of obtaining a blood
15 test for sickle cell disease and explaining the causes and effects of such disease. Such
16 information shall recommend that each applicant applying for a marriage license obtain a
17 blood test for sickle cell disease prior to obtaining a marriage license. Such information
18 may also be provided as a brochure or other document. The department shall make such
19 information available in electronic format to the probate courts of this state which shall
20 disseminate such information to all persons applying for marriage licenses. Reserved."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.