

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 667:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 15 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to hospital acquisition, so as to change certain provisions relating to content and
3 form of notice to the Attorney General, fees, and retention of experts; to provide an effective
4 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 15 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 hospital acquisition, is amended by revising subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section
9 31-7-402, relating to content and form of notice to the Attorney General, fees, and retention
10 of experts, as follows:

11 ~~"(c) Notice to the Attorney General shall be accompanied by the payment by either the~~
12 ~~seller or lessor, or by the acquiring entity, of a fee in the amount of \$50,000.00.~~

13 ~~(d)~~ The Attorney General shall be authorized to retain financial, economic, health
14 planning, or other experts or consultants to assist in addressing each of the criteria set forth
15 in Code Section 31-7-406. Within 30 days after notice from the Attorney General, the
16 actual and reasonable cost and expense incurred in connection with the retention of such
17 experts or consultants shall be paid directly to such experts and consultants by the parties
18 to the proposed transaction in such proportionate amounts as the parties may agree or
19 otherwise as determined by the Attorney General."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
22 without such approval.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.