

House Bill 1179

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 influenza vaccinations for discharged patients aged 65 and older, vaccinations or other  
3 measures for health care workers in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders,  
4 so as to require hospitals to annually offer influenza vaccinations and other measures to its  
5 health care workers and other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to influenza  
10 vaccinations for discharged patients aged 65 and older, vaccinations or other measures for  
11 health care workers in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders, is amended  
12 by revising subsection (b) as follows:

13 "(b) A hospital ~~may offer~~ shall annually offer on-site to its health care workers and other  
14 employees who have direct contact with patients, at no cost, vaccinations for the influenza  
15 virus, subject to availability of the vaccine. A hospital may offer to its health care workers  
16 and other employees who have direct contact with patients any other vaccination, test, or  
17 prophylactic measure required or recommended by, and in accordance with; the  
18 recommendations of, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pursuant to standing  
19 orders approved by the hospital's medical staff to ensure the safety of employees, patients,  
20 visitors, and contractors."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.