

House Bill 249

By: Representatives Sims of the 119th and Cooper of the 41st

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 information on pertussis
3 disease by hospitals to parents of newborn infants; to provide for statutory construction; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "31-1-12.

11 (a) During the postpartum period and prior to discharge, each hospital shall provide
12 parents of newborns educational information on pertussis disease and the availability of a
13 vaccine to protect against such disease. Such educational information shall include, but not
14 be limited to, information on the recommendation by the federal Centers for Disease
15 Control and Prevention that parents of newborns receive the vaccination during the
16 postpartum period to protect the newborns from the transmission of pertussis.

17 (b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require any hospital to provide or
18 pay for any vaccination against pertussis."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.