

House Bill 785

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 insurance generally, so as to provide for limitations on licensure requirements for certain  
3 health care providers; to prohibit the conditioning of certain licensing for health care  
4 providers on the participation in health insurance plans and other activities; to provide for  
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance  
9 generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "33-1-22.

11 (a) State licensure requirements for physicians and dentists in this state shall be granted  
12 based on demonstrated skill and academic competence. Licensure approval for physicians  
13 and dentists in this state shall not be conditioned upon or related to participation in any  
14 public or private health insurance plan, public health care system, public service initiative,  
15 or emergency room coverage.

16 (b) The Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia Board of Dentistry shall be  
17 solely responsible for the licensure of physicians and dentists, respectively, in this state."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.