

Senate Bill 470

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 patient self-referral, so as to revise the definition of "rural area"; to provide for related  
3 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 1B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to patient  
7 self-referral, is amended in Code Section 43-1B-3, relating to definitions, by revising  
8 paragraph (11) as follows:

9 "(11) 'Rural area' means: a

10 (A) A county with a population density of no greater than 65 persons per square mile,  
11 as defined by the United States decennial census of 1990; or

12 (B) In a county in which a military junior college is located, an area which is not an  
13 urban area, as defined in 42 C.F.R. Section 412.62(f)(1)(ii)."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.