

Senate Bill 171

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Mullis of the 53rd, Davis of the 22nd, Staton of the 18th, Hill of the 32nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 exemptions from the requirements of Chapter 6 of Title 31, so as to provide that single  
3 specialty ambulatory surgical centers or joint venture ambulatory surgical centers that are  
4 acquired are exempt from certain requirements under Chapter 6 of Title 31; 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 Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions  
9 from certificate of need requirements, is amended in subsection (a) by striking "and" at the  
10 end of paragraph (25), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (26) with "; and", and  
11 by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

12 "(27) The acquisition of a single specialty ambulatory surgical center, a joint venture  
13 ambulatory surgical center, or both by a physician or a physician group, regardless of  
14 whether the physician or physician group is single specialty or multi-specialty, when the  
15 physician or physician group that owns the single specialty ambulatory surgical center,  
16 a joint venture ambulatory surgical center, or both join as owners or employees of the  
17 physician or physician group acquiring such surgical center or centers, retires from the  
18 practice of medicine, or moves out of this state."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.