

House Bill 316

By: Representatives Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Meadows of the 5<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 14-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 professional services provided by professional corporations, so as to provide that the practice  
3 of medicine and surgery and optometry shall be considered the practice of only one  
4 profession for purposes of professional corporations; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 14-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional  
9 services provided by professional corporations, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
10 follows:

11 "(a) A professional corporation may practice only one profession, but for the purpose of  
12 this chapter, (1) the practice of architecture, professional engineering, and land surveying  
13 shall be considered the practice of only one profession to the extent that existing laws  
14 permit overlapping practices by members of those specific professions not inconsistent  
15 with the ethics of the professions involved, and (2) the practice of medicine and surgery  
16 and optometry shall be considered the practice of only one profession to the extent that  
17 existing laws permit overlapping practices by members of those specific professions not  
18 inconsistent with the ethics of the professions involved."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.