

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 183:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 13 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to private home care providers, so as to revise the definition of private home care  
3 provider; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Home Care Patient Protection Act."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Article 13 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 private home care providers, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 31-7-300,  
11 relating to definitions, as follows:

12 "(4) 'Private home care provider' means any person, business entity, corporation, or  
13 association, whether operated for profit or not for profit, that directly provides or makes  
14 provision for private home care services through:

15 (A) Its own employees ~~or agents~~ who provide nursing services, personal care tasks, or  
16 companion or sitter tasks;

17 (B) Contractual arrangements with independent contractors who are health care  
18 professionals licensed pursuant to Title 43; or

19 (C) Referral of other persons to render home care services, when the individual making  
20 the referral has ownership or financial interest in the delivery of those services by those  
21 other persons who would deliver those services."

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.