

House Bill 511

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to authorize pharmacy technicians to fill remote
3 automated medication systems in skilled nursing facilities and hospices; to provide for
4 certain requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and
9 pharmacies, is amended by revising paragraph (12.1) of subsection (a) of Code
10 Section 26-4-28, relating to powers, duties, and authority of the Georgia State Board of
11 Pharmacy, as follows:

12 “(12.1)(A) The licensure for the use of remote automated medication systems and the
13 regulation and establishment of minimum standards for the use and operation of remote
14 automated medication systems to ensure safe and efficient dispensing, including, but
15 not limited to, appropriate security measures, requirements for skilled nursing facilities
16 and hospices that utilize such systems, training requirements, accuracy and quality
17 assurance measures, recordkeeping requirements, and such other appropriate
18 requirements as determined by the board.

19 (B) The regulation and establishment of minimum standards for the use and operation
20 of remote automated medication systems by the board as provided for in
21 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall permit a pharmacy technician registered
22 pursuant to this chapter to fill a remote automated medication system. If the remote
23 automated medication system utilizes radio frequency identification or bar coding in
24 the filling process, the pharmacy shall retain an electronic record of the filling activities
25 of the pharmacy technician. If the remote automated medication system does not utilize
26 radio frequency identification or bar coding in the filling process, a pharmacist shall

27 supervise continuously the filling activities of the pharmacy technician through a
28 two-way audiovisual system.

29 (C) The board may establish rules and regulations to implement the requirements of
30 this paragraph;"

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.