

House Bill 183 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Knight of the 130th, Petrea of the 166th, Peake of the 141st, Dempsey of the 13th, Randall of the 142nd, and others

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 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

8 style="text-align:center">**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 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.