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House Bill 1037

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 2 Department of Community Health, so as to expand the certified nurse aide registry to nurse
- 3 aides who provide services in private residences; to provide for inquiries and complaints; to
- 4 provide that the registry be easily located on the department's website; to provide for related
- 5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

- 8 Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
- 9 of Community Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
- 10 "31-2-14.
- 11 (a) The nurse aide registry established and maintained by the department as required by
- 12 42 C.F.R. Section 483.156 shall include, in addition to nurse aides who work in licensed
- 13 <u>facilities, nurse aides who provide services in this state in temporary or permanent private</u>
- residences.
- 15 (b) The registry shall provide a method for an inquiry or complaint to be submitted by the
- public regarding a nurse aide providing services in private residences. Any such inquiries
- or complaints shall be handled in the same manner as required for nurse aides who work
- in licensed facilities.
- 19 (c) The department shall ensure that the registry is posted or a link to it is provided in a
- 20 prominent location on the department's website."
- 21 SECTION 2.
- 22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.