

House Bill 188

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the authorization of  
3 appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical  
4 assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion under the federal Patient Protection  
5 and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to  
6 provide for a maximum percent of the federal poverty level; to provide for a short title; to  
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expand Medicaid Now Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
13 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:  
14 "49-4-159.

15 (a) Appropriations shall be authorized for the purposes of obtaining federal financial  
16 participation for medical assistance payments to providers on behalf of Medicaid recipients  
17 pursuant to this article and funding the state's portion of the cost to expand the Medicaid  
18 program under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public  
19 Law 111-148), as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act  
20 of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and any regulations or guidelines issued under such acts.

21 (b) Such appropriations authorization shall provide a maximum amount of 138 percent of  
22 the federal poverty level."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.