

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 437:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-39-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 persons authorized to issue order not to resuscitate, so as to revise parental requirement for
3 consent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

5 Code Section 31-39-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons
6 authorized to issue order not to resuscitate, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:
7 ~~"(d) Any parent may consent orally or in writing to an order not to resuscitate for his or her~~
8 ~~minor child when such child is a candidate for nonresuscitation. When a minor child is a~~
9 ~~candidate for nonresuscitation, an order not to resuscitate may be issued with the oral or~~
10 ~~written consent of the minor's parent.~~ If in the opinion of the attending physician the minor
11 is of sufficient maturity to understand the nature and effect of an order not to resuscitate,
12 then no such order shall be valid without the assent of such minor."
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SECTION 2.

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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