

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to SB 184:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 health planning and development, so as to provide for an exemption for integrated
3 ambulatory surgery centers from certificate of need requirements; to provide for a definition;
4 to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health
9 planning and development, is amended in Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions, by
10 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

11 "(21.1) 'Integrated ambulatory surgery center' means a single specialty neuromuscular
12 orthopedic ambulatory surgical center with a maximum operating area of 20,000 square
13 feet focused on sports medicine operated together with an integrated athletic training and
14 educational facility for youth, amateur, and professional athletes; medical research
15 activities; and physician training and education for sports medicine, with a minimum total
16 campus area of 400,000 square feet."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47, relating to
19 exemptions from chapter, by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (25), by replacing the
20 period at the end of paragraph (26) with "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to read as
21 follows:

22 "(27) An integrated ambulatory surgery center that:
23 (A) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater
24 than 5 percent of its adjusted gross revenue; and

25 (B) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code
26 Section 31-6-70.
27 Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty
28 in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to
29 provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its
30 exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due
31 to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code
32 Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to
33 Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

34 **SECTION 3.**

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