

House Bill 605

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health  
2 care facilities, so as to require a registered sex offender to notify each nursing home to which  
3 the offender has applied to become a resident of his or her registered sex offender status and  
4 to require each such nursing home to share such information with all residents of such  
5 nursing home prior to the offender becoming a resident; to provide for related matters; to  
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health care  
10 facilities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "31-7-19.1.

12 Each nursing home shall require each applicant for residency to disclose whether such  
13 applicant is listed on the state sexual offender registry and shall search such registry for the  
14 name of each applicant for residency prior to such applicant becoming a resident of the  
15 nursing home. Additionally, each nursing home shall notify all residents of such nursing  
16 home of any applicant on the state sexual offender registry who has been approved for  
17 residency prior to such applicant becoming a resident."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.