

Senate Bill 401

By: Senators Brass of the 28th and Jones of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 27 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 nursing home administrators, so as to revise the composition of the State Board of Nursing  
3 Home Administrators; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 27 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nursing home  
8 administrators, is amended by revising Code Section 43-27-2, relating to the creation of the  
9 State Board of Nursing Home Administrators and its members, as follows:

10 "43-27-2.

11 (a) There is created the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, which, on and after  
12 July 1, 2020, shall consist of ~~13~~ seven members, ~~none of whom may be employees of the~~  
13 ~~United States government or of this state, and the commissioner of human services or his~~  
14 ~~or her designee, who shall serve as ex officio member of the board, and the commissioner~~  
15 ~~of community health or his or her designee, who shall serve as ex officio member of the~~  
16 ~~board.~~ The members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by  
17 the Senate, as follows:

18 (1) Five members who are licensed nursing home administrators in this state, at least one  
19 of whom shall represent nonproprietary nursing homes, and at least one of whom shall  
20 be a licensed registered professional nurse in this state;

21 (2) One member from the Healthcare Facility Regulation Division of the Department of  
22 Community Health; and

23 (3) One member of the public at large who is not a nursing home administrator or  
24 pecuniarily interested in any nursing home or has any connection with the nursing home  
25 industry whatsoever.

- 26 ~~(1) One member who is a licensed medical doctor in this state and who is not a nursing~~  
 27 ~~home administrator or pecuniarily interested in any nursing home;~~
- 28 ~~(2) One member who is a registered nurse in this state and who is not a nursing home~~  
 29 ~~administrator or pecuniarily interested in any nursing home;~~
- 30 ~~(3) One member who is an educator with a graduate degree and specializing in the field~~  
 31 ~~of gerontology and who is not a nursing home administrator or pecuniarily interested in~~  
 32 ~~any nursing home;~~
- 33 ~~(4) Three members of the public at large who are not nursing home administrators or~~  
 34 ~~pecuniarily interested in any nursing home or have any connection with the nursing home~~  
 35 ~~industry whatsoever. Two of these three public, at-large positions shall be appointed~~  
 36 ~~from a list of three persons for each of these two positions submitted by the Board of~~  
 37 ~~Community Health. The Governor is vested with complete discretion in appointing the~~  
 38 ~~third member for one of these three public, at-large positions;~~
- 39 ~~(5) One member who is a hospital administrator in this state, who is the holder of a~~  
 40 ~~master's degree in hospital administration, and who is not a nursing home administrator~~  
 41 ~~or pecuniarily interested in any nursing home; and~~
- 42 ~~(6) Six members, at least one of whom shall represent nonproprietary nursing homes,~~  
 43 ~~who are licensed nursing home administrators in this state.~~
- 44 (b) The term for all members shall be three years from the date of appointment. A member  
 45 may be removed as provided in Code Section 43-1-17. All vacancies shall be filled by the  
 46 Governor for the unexpired terms in accordance with the requirements for appointment to  
 47 the vacant position."

48 **SECTION 2.**

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