

Senate Bill 417

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Orrock of the 36th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 physicians, assistants, and others, so as to revise provisions relating to criminal background  
3 checks for certain health care professionals and others; to provide for related matters; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians,  
8 assistants, and others, is amended by revising Code Section 43-34-13, relating to  
9 fingerprinting and criminal background checks for health care professionals licensed by the  
10 Georgia Composite Medical Board, as follows:

11 "43-34-13.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Expedited physician licensee' means an individual licensed by the board.

14 (2) '~~health~~ Health care professional' means any individual licensed, certified, or permitted  
15 by the board under this chapter.

16 (b) Any applicant as a health care professional or as an expedited physician licensee shall  
17 have satisfactory results from a fingerprint records check report conducted by the Georgia  
18 Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the  
19 board. Application for a license, certificate, or permit under this chapter shall constitute  
20 express consent and authorization for the board or its representative to perform a criminal  
21 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure,  
22 certification, or permit agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary  
23 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of  
24 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance  
25 of such criminal background check."

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.