

House Bill 1436

By: Representatives Smith of the 41st, Cooper of the 43rd, and LaHood of the 175th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, so as to require long-term care
3 facilities post certain notice on their websites; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, is amended by revising Code Section 31-8-59,
9 relating to notice to residents, as follows:

10 "31-8-59.

11 The state ombudsman shall prepare and distribute to each long-term care facility in the
12 state a written notice describing the long-term care ombudsman program and the procedure
13 to follow in making a complaint, including the address and telephone number of the state
14 ombudsman and community ombudsman, if any. The administrator shall give the written
15 notice required by this Code section to each resident and his or her legally appointed
16 guardian, if any, upon admission. The administrator shall also post such written notice in

17 conspicuous public places in the facility in accordance with procedures provided by the
18 state ombudsman and shall give such notice to any resident and his or her legally appointed
19 guardian, if any, who did not receive it upon admission. Each long-term care facility which
20 maintains a website shall post such notice in a conspicuous location on such website. The
21 failure to provide the notices required by this Code section shall be a ground upon which
22 the department may revoke any permit issued to a long-term care facility under Code
23 Section 31-7-1."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.