

House Bill 1676

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to
2 require hospitals, licensed ambulance services, and first responders to accept payment in cash
3 for health care services provided to a patient; 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 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Article 2
8 of Chapter 7, relating to the Georgia Building Authority, by redesignating Code Section
9 31-7-23 as Code Section 31-7-24 and by adding a new Code section to the end of Article 1,
10 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, to read as follows:

11 "31-7-23.

12 A hospital shall be required to accept full or partial payment in cash from or on behalf of
13 a patient for health care services provided to such patient by such hospital."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 11, relating to general provisions regarding emergency medical services, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-11-13.

A licensed ambulance service or first responder shall be required to accept full or partial payment in cash from or on behalf of a patient for health care services provided to such patient by such licensed ambulance service or first responder."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.