

The House Committee on Health offers the following substitute to HB 1314:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 emergency medical services, so as to designate emergency medical services, including
3 ambulance service, as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency
8 medical services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-11-13.

10 (a) Emergency medical services, including ambulance service, whether provided by a
11 public, private nonprofit, or private for-profit entity, are hereby declared to be essential
12 services in this state.

13 (b) This Code section shall not be construed to revise or impact the provision of such
14 services through local coordinating entities within territorial zones and health districts in
15 this state. This Code section shall not be construed to grant new or additional authority,
16 oversight, or regulatory power to any state agency or local government of this state."

17 **SECTION 2.**

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18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.