

Senate Bill 470

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 patient self-referral, so as to revise the definition of "rural area"; to provide for related
3 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 1B of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to patient
7 self-referral, is amended in Code Section 43-1B-3, relating to definitions, by revising
8 paragraph (11) as follows:

9 (11) 'Rural area' means ~~a county with a population density of no greater than 65 persons~~
10 ~~per square mile, as defined by the United States decennial census of 1990~~ any area which
11 is not an urban area, as defined in 42 C.F.R. Section 412.62(f)(1)(ii)."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.