

House Bill 178

By: Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Drenner of the 85th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community
3 Health to submit a Section 1115 waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and
4 Medicaid Services for a demonstration project to provide treatment services under Medicaid
5 to persons in this state living with HIV; to provide for implementation upon approval; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "49-4-142.6.

12 (a) On or before December 31, 2025, the department shall submit a waiver request to the
13 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and
14 Human Services pursuant to Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act to conduct a
15 demonstration project to provide treatment services under Medicaid to persons in this state
16 living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Such demonstration project shall be

17 designed to provide more effective, early treatment of HIV to persons in this state by
18 making available a package of services, including antiretrovirals. The eligibility criteria
19 for recipients shall include having a diagnosis of HIV, an income of less than 138 percent
20 of the federal poverty level, and no health insurance.
21 (b) Upon approval of the waiver, the department shall take all necessary steps to
22 implement the terms and conditions of the waiver."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.