

House Bill 471 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to require that licensed  
3 general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to  
4 parents or guardians of newborn infants; to provide for a form to be developed by the  
5 Department of Community Health; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a  
6 definition; to 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 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to  
11 read as follows:

12 "31-7-24.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'water safety education' shall have the same  
14 meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-779.4.

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- 15 (b)(1) Prior to discharge, a licensed general hospital or birthing center shall make  
16 available to each newborn infant's parent or guardian a video presentation on water safety  
17 education to be viewed onsite.
- 18 (2) Such hospital and birthing center shall provide such parent or guardian with a water  
19 safety education form to be developed by the department.
- 20 (c) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the  
21 provisions of this Code section."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.