

House Bill 906

By: Representative Smith of the 41st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, so as to require long-term care
3 facilities to post a link on their websites to the official website of the office of the long-term
4 care ombudsman; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, is amended by revising Code Section 31-8-59,
10 relating to notice to residents, as follows:

11 "31-8-59.

12 (a) The state ombudsman shall prepare and distribute to each long-term care facility in the
13 state a written notice describing the long-term care ombudsman program and the procedure
14 to follow in making a complaint, including the address and telephone number of the state
15 ombudsman and community ombudsman, if any. The administrator shall give the written
16 notice required by this ~~Code section~~ subsection to each resident and his or her legally

17 appointed guardian, if any, upon admission. The administrator shall also post such written
18 notice in conspicuous public places in the facility in accordance with procedures provided
19 by the state ombudsman and shall give such notice to any resident and his or her legally
20 appointed guardian, if any, who did not receive it upon admission. The failure to provide
21 the notices required by this ~~Code section~~ subsection shall be a ground upon which the
22 department may revoke any permit issued to a long-term care facility under ~~Code Section~~
23 ~~31-7-1~~ Article 1 of this chapter.

24 (b) Each individual long-term care facility which maintains a website shall post in a
25 prominent location on such website a link to the official website of the office of the state
26 long-term care ombudsman."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.