

House Bill 902 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Clark of the 101st, Randall of the 142nd, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Hawkins of the 27th, and others

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 provide for educational
3 information on influenza disease to residents of assisted living communities; to provide for
4 statutory construction; to provide that no cause of action is created; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to
10 read as follows:

11 "31-7-21.

12 (a) Each assisted living community shall annually provide to each of its residents, no later
13 than September 1 of each year, educational information on influenza disease. Such
14 information shall include, but is not limited to, the risks associated with influenza disease;
15 the availability, effectiveness, and known contraindications of the influenza immunization;
16 causes and symptoms of influenza; and the means in which it is spread. Provision of the
17 appropriate and current Vaccine Information Statement as provided by the Centers for
18 Disease Control and Prevention shall be deemed to comply with this subsection.

19 (b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require an assisted living community
20 to provide or pay for any vaccination against influenza for its residents.

21 (c) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or
22 omission resulting from providing, or the lack of providing, educational information
23 pursuant to this Code section."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.