

House Bill 119 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rich of the 97th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Singleton of the 71st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 14-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 professional services in which a professional corporation may engage, so as to provide that
3 chiropractors may own professional corporations with physicians; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 14-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional
8 services in which a professional corporation may engage, is amended by revising
9 subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) A professional corporation may practice only one profession, but for the purpose of
11 this chapter:

12 (1) The practice of architecture, professional engineering, and land surveying shall be
13 considered the practice of only one profession to the extent that existing laws permit
14 overlapping practices by members of those specific professions not inconsistent with the
15 ethics of the professions involved;

16 (2) To the extent not inconsistent with the ethics of the professions involved or otherwise
17 prohibited by law, physicians specializing in ophthalmology who are practicing within
18 their scope of practice as established by law may organize and jointly own a professional
19 corporation with optometrists who are practicing within their scope of practice as
20 established by law; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall authorize
21 optometrists to attach the title 'physician' to such optometrists' names or to the name of
22 the professional corporation; ~~and~~

23 (3) To the extent not inconsistent with the ethics of the professions involved or otherwise
24 prohibited by law, Doctors of Podiatric Medicine who are practicing within their scope
25 of practice as established by law may organize and jointly own a professional corporation
26 with any Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Osteopathy who are practicing within their
27 own scope of practice as established by law; and

28 (4) To the extent not inconsistent with the ethics of the professions involved or otherwise
29 prohibited by law, chiropractors who are practicing within their scope of practice as
30 established by law may organize and jointly own a professional corporation with
31 physicians who are practicing within their scope of practice as established by law;
32 provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall authorize chiropractors to attach
33 the title 'physician' to such chiropractors' names or to the name of the professional
34 corporation."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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