

House Bill 1418 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, and Smith of the 133rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus,
2 Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as authorize a tax
3 for public health care purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 An Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia,
8 approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, is amended by revising
9 paragraph (2) of Section 7-102 to read as follows:

10 "(2) For the purpose of paying the ordinary current expenses of the consolidated
11 government, the Council is hereby empowered and authorized to levy and collect an ad
12 valorem tax upon all property within said government subject to taxation, not to
13 exceed 18 mills upon the assessed value of said property for the year 1971, and 18 mills
14 upon the assessed value of said property for each year thereafter; provided, however, that
15 this limitation shall not be deemed to apply to an additional ad valorem tax for public
16 health care purposes as may be determined by the Council, nor to any tax to which such

17 limitation is not applicable under the law. In the event that a local option sales and use
18 tax is enacted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia, said 18 mills limitation shall be
19 reduced to 9 mills for the year following the initial year in which the sales and use tax is
20 enacted and for each year thereafter."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.