

House Bill 453 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to  
2 repeal a requirement that every ambulance service pay an annual license fee; to repeal a  
3 requirement that ambulance service annual license fees be deposited into the Indigent Care  
4 Trust Fund; to provide for a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to provide  
5 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising  
9 Code Section 31-8-159, relating to reporting requirements for the Indigent Care Trust Fund,  
10 as follows:

11 "31-8-159.

12 (a) The department shall annually report to the General Assembly on its use of trust funds  
13 appropriated to the department pursuant to this article.

14 ~~(b) The department shall also provide an annual report no later than September 30 of each~~  
15 ~~year which shall provide the following information for the immediately preceding fiscal~~  
16 ~~year:~~

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17 ~~(1) The amount of ambulance service license fees received by the department pursuant~~  
18 ~~to Code Section 31-11-31.1;~~

19 ~~(2) The amount of federal funds received as matching funds to the corresponding~~  
20 ~~ambulance service license fees received; and~~

21 ~~(3) The total amount of funds disbursed to emergency ambulance services from the~~  
22 ~~Indigent Care Trust Fund.~~

23 ~~The report required by this subsection shall be made available to the public free of charge~~  
24 ~~by electronic means and in such other manner as the department deems appropriate."~~

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 31-11-31.1, relating  
27 to license fees for ambulance services.

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-11-31.2, relating to ambulance service  
30 provider matching payments, segregated account, appropriations from segregated account,  
31 audits, and rules and regulations, by repealing subsection (g) in its entirety.

32 **SECTION 4.**

33 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

34 **SECTION 5.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.