

House Bill 1037 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Clark of the 101st, Cooper of the 43rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Efstoration of the 104th, Broadrick of the 4th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Community Health, so as to expand the certified nurse aide registry to nurse
3 aides who provide services in private residences; to provide for inquiries and complaints; to
4 provide that the registry be easily located on the department's website; 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 Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
9 of Community Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "31-2-14.

11 (a) The nurse aide registry established and maintained by the department as required by
12 42 C.F.R. Section 483.156 shall include, in addition to nurse aides who work in licensed
13 facilities, nurse aides who provide services in this state in temporary or permanent private
14 residences.

15 (b) The registry shall provide a method for an inquiry or complaint to be submitted by the
16 public regarding a nurse aide providing services in private residences. Any such inquiries
17 or complaints shall be handled in the same manner as required for nurse aides who work
18 in licensed facilities.

19 (c) The department shall ensure that the registry is posted or a link to it is provided in a
20 prominent location on the department's website."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.