

House Bill 1086 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 influenza vaccinations for discharged patients aged 65 and older, vaccinations or other  
3 measures for health care workers in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders,  
4 so as to lower the age to 50 years old for hospitals to offer inpatients vaccinations for the  
5 influenza virus prior to discharge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to influenza  
10 vaccinations for discharged patients aged 65 and older, vaccinations or other measures for  
11 health care workers in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders, is amended  
12 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a) Prior to discharging any inpatient who is 50 years of age or older, a hospital shall offer  
14 the inpatient a vaccination for the influenza virus. Prior to discharging any inpatient who  
15 is 65 years of age or older, a hospital shall offer the inpatient ~~vaccinations~~ a vaccination for  
16 the influenza virus and pneumococcal disease. Such vaccinations shall be provided in

17 accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
18 and any applicable rules and regulations of the department, unless contraindicated and  
19 contingent on availability of such vaccine. A hospital may offer other patients such  
20 vaccinations in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control  
21 and Prevention and any applicable rules and regulations of the department. The  
22 vaccinations may be administered pursuant to a standing order that has been approved by  
23 the hospital's medical staff."

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**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.