

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 1279:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to dangerous drugs, so as to authorize certain persons with a chronic disease and  
3 certain persons over 65 years of age to carry prescription medications in a compartmentalized  
4 medication container; to provide for conditions and requirements; 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 Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 dangerous drugs, is amended by revising Code Section 16-13-75, relating to drugs to be kept  
10 in original container and exception, as follows:

11 "16-13-75.

12 (a) Possession and control of controlled substances or dangerous drugs by anyone other  
13 than the individuals specified in Code Section 16-13-35 or 16-13-72 shall be legal only if  
14 such drugs are in the original container in which they were dispensed by the pharmacist or  
15 the practitioner of the healing arts and are labeled according to Code Section 26-3-8, except  
16 as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.

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17 (b) The possession, filling, and use of canisters for remote automated medication systems  
18 pursuant to subsection (i) of Code Section 16-13-41 shall not be considered a violation of  
19 this Code section.

20 (c) Persons with a chronic disease or over 65 years of age who have been prescribed one  
21 or more medications by a licensed physician may carry such prescription medications in  
22 a compartmentalized medication container with the capacity to hold up to a 21 day supply  
23 of such prescription medications. Any such persons shall provide the name of each such  
24 prescription medication to any law enforcement officer upon request."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.