

House Bill 1279 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, and Stephens of the 164th

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26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.