

House Bill 317 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for
3 administrative medicine licenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to
4 provide for board rules; to provide for educational certificates for out-of-state physicians to
5 participate in educational training in this state that requires patient care; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
10 "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," is amended by adding new Code sections to
11 read as follows:

12 "43-34-29.1.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Administrative medicine' means administration or management utilizing the medical
15 and clinical knowledge, skill, and judgment of a licensed physician capable of affecting
16 the health and safety of the public or any person but shall not include the practice of
17 medicine.

18 (2) 'Administrative medicine license' means a license issued pursuant to this Code
19 section to engage in the practice of administrative medicine.

20 (b) An applicant for an administrative medicine license shall meet all of the requirements
21 for issuance of a license under Code Section 43-34-26.

22 (c) An administrative medicine licensee shall be subject to the provisions of this article and
23 the rules of the board in the same manner as a person holding full licensure under this
24 article; provided, however, that such licensee shall not be authorized to engage in the
25 practice of medicine.

26 (d) The board shall adopt rules for the issuance of an administrative medicine license that
 27 limits the licensee to the practice of administrative medicine. The board's rules adopted
 28 pursuant to this Code section shall include the following provisions:

- 29 (1) Eligibility for the license;
 30 (2) Issuance and renewal of the license;
 31 (3) The fees applicable to the license;
 32 (4) Continuing education requirements; and
 33 (5) The scope of practice of a person who holds the license.

34 (e) An individual with an administrative medicine license who seeks to practice medicine
 35 under an unrestricted license shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that the
 36 licensee has the clinical competence to practice medicine under an unrestricted license and
 37 meets all applicable eligibility requirements for a license as required pursuant to Code
 38 Section 43-34-26 and by the board, which may include, but not be limited to, requiring the
 39 licensee to pass any examination or examinations the board deems necessary and requiring
 40 clinical experience.

41 (f) This Code section shall have no effect on any person holding an unrestricted license
 42 issued pursuant to this article prior to the effective date of this Code section; provided,
 43 however, that the license of any physician who has agreed to a board order restricting the
 44 license to administrative medicine based solely on the failure to meet the licensure
 45 requirement to be engaged in the active practice of medicine, upon request of the physician,
 46 may be converted to an administrative medicine license and the board order regarding such
 47 physician shall be terminated, provided that the only requirement of the order is the
 48 restriction to administrative medicine.

49 43-34-29.2.

50 The board may issue, in its discretion, an educational certificate to a licensed physician of
 51 another state or foreign country to participate in educational training in this state that
 52 requires patient care, in accordance with board rules."

53 **SECTION 2.**

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