

Senate Bill 523

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Harbison of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 insurance generally, so as to require health benefit policies to provide coverage for expenses
3 incurred in home childbirth; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other matters.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance
8 generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "33-24-59.27.

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

11 (1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for
12 health care services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state,
13 including those contracts executed by the state on behalf of state employees under
14 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, by an insurer.

15 (2) 'Insurer' means an accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, health care
16 corporation, health maintenance organization, provider sponsored health care corporation,
17 or the plan administrator of any health benefit plan established pursuant to Article 1 of
18 Chapter 18 of Title 45.

19 (b) Any health benefit policy that provides maternity benefits that is delivered, issued,
20 executed, or renewed in this state or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the
21 Commissioner on or after January 1, 2021, shall provide coverage for costs associated with
22 home childbirth. The coverage shall be provided to the same extent as for any other health
23 care services under the health benefits plan."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.