

House Bill 378

By: Representatives Hutchinson of the 106th, Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, Oliver of the 82nd, Au of the 50th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-24-59.10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 coverage for autism, so as to update the reference to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*
3 *of Mental Disorders*; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 33-24-59.10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage
8 for autism, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(3) 'Autism spectrum disorder' means autism spectrum disorders as defined by the ~~most~~
10 ~~recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders~~ American
11 Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*
12 (DSM-5), in effect as of January 1, 2023, or as the Commissioner may further define such
13 term by rule and regulation."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
16 without such approval.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.