

House Bill 511 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for minimum standards for pharmacy
3 technicians to fill remote automated medication systems in skilled nursing facilities and
4 hospices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and
8 pharmacies, is amended in Code Section 26-4-28, relating to the powers, duties, and
9 authority of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, by revising paragraph (12.1) of subsection
10 (a) as follows:

11 "(12.1)(A) The licensure for the use of remote automated medication systems and the
12 regulation and establishment of minimum standards for the use and operation of remote
13 automated medication systems to ensure safe and efficient dispensing, including, but
14 not limited to, appropriate security measures, requirements for skilled nursing facilities
15 and hospices that utilize such systems, training requirements, accuracy and quality
16 assurance measures, recordkeeping requirements, and such other appropriate
17 requirements as determined by the board.

18 (B) The regulation and establishment of minimum standards for the use and operation
19 of remote automated medication systems by the board as provided for in
20 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall permit a pharmacy technician registered
21 pursuant to this chapter to fill a remote automated medication system. If the remote
22 automated medication system utilizes radio frequency identification or bar coding in
23 the filling process, the pharmacy shall retain an electronic record of the filling activities
24 of the pharmacy technician. If the remote automated medication system does not utilize
25 radio frequency identification or bar coding in the filling process, a pharmacist shall

26 supervise continuously the filling activities of the pharmacy technician through a
27 two-way audiovisual system.

28 (C) The board may establish rules and regulations to implement the requirements of
29 this paragraph;"

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.