

House Bill 542

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Mitchell of the 88th, Jackson of the 128th, Frazier of the 126th, Allen of the 40th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the state militia, so as to provide for the
3 establishment of temporary camping facilities on unused state property to house homeless
4 individuals during a declared public health emergency; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to general provisions relative to the state militia, is amended by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "38-2-13.

12 (a) During declared public health emergencies, the Georgia National Guard, in
13 consultation with the State Properties Commission, shall be authorized to identify and
14 utilize unused and vacant state property for the establishment of temporary camping
15 facilities to house homeless individuals.

16 (b) Such temporary camping facilities shall provide for shelter, food, water, clothing, and
17 medical care for homeless individuals."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.