

House Bill 852

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hawkins of the 27th, Abrams of the 89th, Gardner of the 57th, Holcomb of the 81st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public
2 assistance, so as to provide that active duty service members with family members with
3 special needs may use their state of legal residence to register their family members with
4 special needs for a Medicaid waiver to include military families transitioning out of military
5 service; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Bridging the Military Health Care Gap
10 Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance,
13 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "49-4-153.1.

15 The Department of Community Health shall, in its operation of the state plan for medical
16 assistance required pursuant to this article, administer such plan in a manner which
17 liberally construes eligibility requirements under a Medicaid waiver to provide that active
18 duty service members may use their state of legal residence to register their family
19 members with special needs to include military families transitioning out of military
20 service."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.