

Senate Bill 271

By: Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-34-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 fingerprinting and criminal background checks for health care professionals licensed by the  
3 Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to revise a provision regarding performance by the  
4 board of a criminal background check; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-34-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fingerprinting  
9 and criminal background checks for health care professionals licensed by the Georgia  
10 Composite Medical Board, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) Any applicant as a health care professional or as an expedited physician licensee shall  
12 have satisfactory results from a fingerprint records check report conducted by the Georgia  
13 Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the  
14 board. Application for a license, certificate, or permit under this chapter shall constitute  
15 express consent and authorization for the board ~~or its representative~~ to perform a criminal  
16 background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure,

17 certification, or permit agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary  
18 to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of  
19 fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance  
20 of such criminal background check."

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**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.