

Senate Bill 61

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jones of the 25th, Brass of the 28th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
2 health planning and development, so as to exempt integrated surgery centers from certificate  
3 of need requirements; to provide for a definition; to provide for conditions; to provide for  
4 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 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health  
8 planning and development, is amended in Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions, by  
9 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(21.1) 'Integrated surgery center' means an ambulatory surgical center built and operated  
11 in connection with an integrated athletic training and educational facility for youth,  
12 amateur, and professional athletes, medical research activities, and physician training and  
13 education for sports medicine."

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 31-6-47, relating to  
16 exemptions from chapter, by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (25), by replacing the  
17 period at the end of paragraph (26) with "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to read as  
18 follows:

19 "(27) An integrated surgery center that:

20 (A) Provides uncompensated indigent and charity care in an amount equal to or greater  
21 than 3 percent of its adjusted gross revenue; and

22 (B) Provides annual reports in the same manner and in accordance with Code  
23 Section 31-6-70.

24 Noncompliance with any condition of this paragraph shall result in a monetary penalty  
25 in the amount of the difference between the services which the center is required to

26 provide and the amount actually provided and may be subject to revocation of its  
27 exemption status by the department for repeated failure to pay any fines or moneys due  
28 to the department or for repeated failure to produce data as required by Code  
29 Section 31-6-70 after notice to the exemption holder and a fair hearing pursuant to  
30 Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.