

House Bill 586

By: Representative Efstrotation of the 104<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to hospice care, so as to provide for the disposal of unused prescribed controlled  
3 substances for hospice patients by hospice staff; to provide definitions; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 hospice care, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-7-180.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'prescription drug' shall have the same meaning  
11 as set forth in Code Section 26-4-5.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, any member of a hospice care team may dispose of  
13 prescription drugs prescribed to a patient that are within a patient's home at the time of such  
14 patient's death, if such member is in such home at such time of death. The department shall  
15 promulgate rules and regulations for the policies and procedures to be followed by such  
16 members for purposes of this Code section."

17 SECTION 2.

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.