

Senate Bill 258

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harrell of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so
2 as to require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to newborns
3 to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following such birth; to provide for amendments
4 to the state plan if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
9 in Article 7 of Chapter 4, relating to medical assistance generally, by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "49-4-159.

12 (a) The department shall allow women giving birth to newborns to retain Medicaid
13 eligibility for one year following such birth.

14 (b) The department shall submit any necessary modifications, if applicable, to the state
15 plan for medical assistance filed pursuant to Code Section 49-4-142 in order to fulfill the
16 requirements of this Code section."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.