

House Bill 1089

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to controlled substances and pharmacists and pharmacies, respectively,  
3 so as to provide for ivermectin as an over-the-counter medication in this state; to remove  
4 ivermectin from the definition of, exceptions to, and exemptions from dangerous drugs; to  
5 provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled  
10 substances, is amended in Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drug, by repealing  
11 paragraph (506.8) of subsection (b) and paragraph (12.1) of subsection (c).

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and  
14 pharmacies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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15 "26-4-7.

16 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

17 (1) 'Ivermectin' means an antiparasitic drug with multiple uses, including, but not limited  
18 to, in veterinary medicine, to prevent and treat heartworm and acariasis, and in human  
19 medicine, to treat parasitic worms, head lice, and rosacea.

20 (2) 'Over-the-counter medication' means medication that may be legally sold and  
21 purchased without a prescription or consultation with a pharmacist or other healthcare  
22 professional.

23 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ivermectin suitable for human  
24 use may be sold or purchased as an over-the-counter medication in this state."

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.