



**POLST Statue  
SB 109  
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**Foundations of SB109**

- **Ga. CPR Statue**
  - O.C.G.A. §31-39-1 (2010)
- **Ga. AD Statue**
  - O.C.G.A. §31-32-1 (2007)
- **Ga. POLST Statue**
  - O.C.G.A. § 29-4-18 (i) (2010)
    - Authorized DPH to create the POLST
    - 2012 DPH published the POLST Form




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- **Definitions**
  - **“Authorized Person”** may consent, Code Section 31-39-2
- **POLST Form**
  - Reaffirms the **creation by DPH**
- **Effective when**
  - Patient has a **serious illness or condition**, (365 days)
  - At **any time** when a person has **Dementia** or a progressive, degenerative disease affect the brain and memory



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- **A legally sufficient order in**
  - **All Settings**
  - **Valid consent**
  - **Unless revoked**
  - **From another state**
    - If substantially similar & with the same signatures
- **A copy**





## Signatures

- **Two Required**
  - Patient & Physician **OR**
  - Authorized Person / Healthcare Advocate & Physician **OR**
  - Two physicians
- **Remember**
  - Physician must be on the staff of the institution honoring the POLST



## End-of-Life Documents Are Activated

**When, in the judgment/agreement of two physicians, one of "three conditions" are met:**

- Patient is in the last year of their life / a Terminal Condition
- Patient is in a permanent state of unconsciousness
- Medical judgment that CPR would be inappropriate



**Thank You**

