

House Bill 1155

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 workers' compensation, so as to provide that the State Board of Workers' Compensation  
3 shall provide certain data to state and federal government entities as authorized by law; to  
4 change certain provisions relating to certification or licensing of rehabilitation suppliers; to  
5 remove the requirement that income benefit checks must be drawn on a Georgia depository;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers'  
10 compensation, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (b) of Code Section 34-9-12,  
11 relating to employer's record of injuries, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b)  
12 to read as follows:

13 "(b) The records of the board, insofar as they refer to accidents, injuries, and settlements,  
14 shall not be open to the public but only to the parties satisfying the board of their interest  
15 in such records and their right to inspect them. The board shall provide data contained on  
16 Employers' First Report of Injury forms reporting fatalities to the Georgia Department of  
17 Labor and the United States Department of Labor for use in the Census of Fatal  
18 Occupational Injuries Program and shall provide data to such other state and federal  
19 governmental entities or departments as required by law. Under such reasonable rules and  
20 regulations as the board may adopt, the records of the board as to any employee in any  
21 previous case in which such employee was a claimant shall be open to and made available  
22 to such claimant, to an employer or its insurance carrier which is called upon to pay  
23 compensation, medical expenses, or funeral expenses, and to any party at interest, except  
24 that the board may make such reasonable charge as it deems proper for furnishing  
25 information by mail and for copies of records."



1 ~~benefits to the claimant. All applicants must meet the permitting requirements of~~  
2 ~~subsection (b) of Code Section 34-9-131 or of Code Section 34-9-127."~~

3 **SECTION 4.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.