

House Bill 548

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia  
2 Motor Vehicle Accident Reparations Act," so as to require the disclosure to motor vehicle  
3 owners of certain settlements regarding damages caused or alleged to have been caused by  
4 their motor vehicles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Motor  
8 Vehicle Accident Reparations Act," is amended by adding at the end of Code Section  
9 33-34-3, relating to requirements for policy issuance, a new subsection to read as follows:  
10 "(f) An insurer which issues a motor vehicle liability insurance policy required to meet the  
11 requirements of this chapter shall provide to the owner of the vehicle insured under that  
12 policy written notice of the amount and terms of any settlement between such insurer and  
13 any other party for damages caused or alleged to have been caused by such vehicle. Such  
14 notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery within ten  
15 days following the other party's agreement to such settlement. This subsection shall apply  
16 only to policies delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this state or approved for  
17 issuance in this state on or after July 1, 2001."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.