

House Bill 220

By: Representative Channell of the 77th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-24-59.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 timely payment of health benefits, notification of failure to pay, and penalty for violation, so
3 as to expressly provide that the amount of any such penalty shall not apply toward any cap
4 on benefits payable; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 33-24-59.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to timely
8 payment of health benefits, notification of failure to pay, and penalty for violation, is
9 amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(c) Each insurer shall pay to the insured or other person claiming payments under the
11 health benefit plan interest equal to 18 percent per annum on the proceeds or benefits due
12 under the terms of such plan for failure to comply with subsection (b) of this Code section.
13 No amount of any such interest penalty shall be applied toward any cap on benefits payable
14 to the insured or other person claiming payments under the health benefit plan."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.