

House Bill 371

By: Representatives Franklin of the 43rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Knox of the 24th, and Scott of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions, so as to modify the definition of health benefit policy to include all health benefit
3 plans and policies issued by the state and its political subdivisions; to provide an effective
4 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 33-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, is
8 amended by striking paragraph (1.1) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (1.1) to
9 read as follows:

10 "(1.1) 'Health benefit policy,' 'health benefit plan,' or other similar terms include, unless
11 specifically exempted, any health insurance plan established under Article 1 of Chapter
12 18 of Title 45 or Chapter 4 of Title 49 and any other health insurance plan or policy
13 established by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Such terms do not include
14 limited benefit insurance policies designed, advertised, and marketed to supplement
15 major medical insurance such as accident only, Champus supplement, dental, disability
16 income, fixed indemnity, long-term care, ~~Medicare~~ medicare supplement, specified
17 disease, vision, and any other type of accident and sickness insurance other than basic
18 hospital expense, basic medical-surgical expense, or major medical insurance."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
21 without such approval.

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.