

Senate Bill 444

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to  
2 provide a short title; to exempt certain change of address filings by agents, subagents,  
3 counselors, and adjusters from a fee; to provide for certain qualifications for a counselor's  
4 license; to provide for the maintenance by the Commissioner of Insurance of the address of  
5 the place of business of agents, subagents, counselors, and adjusters; to provide for related  
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Paperwork Reduction Act."

10 SECTION 2.

11 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended by  
12 striking subparagraph (AA) of paragraph (6) of Code Section 33-8-1, relating to fees and  
13 charges generally, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subparagraph (AA) to read as follows:

14 "(AA) Amendment of filings . . . . . 25.00  
15 Provided, however, that the Commissioner, in his or her discretion, may  
16 exempt from such fee change of address filings done offline by agents,  
17 subagents, counselors, and adjusters.  
18 (AA.1) Change of address filings done online by agents, subagents,  
19 counselors, and adjusters . . . . . No charge"

20 SECTION 3.

21 Said title is further amended by striking paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section  
22 33-23-5, relating to qualifications and requirements for license, and inserting in lieu thereof  
23 a new paragraph (6) to read as follows:

1       “(6) If applying for a license as counselor, the applicant must show that he or she has ~~had~~  
 2       ~~five years’~~ sufficient experience as determined by the Commissioner gained by acting as  
 3       either an agent, subagent, or adjuster or in some other phase of the insurance business or  
 4       has sufficient teaching or educational qualifications or experience which, in the opinion  
 5       of the Commissioner, has qualified the applicant to act as such counselor; and the  
 6       applicant shall pass such examination as shall be required by the Commissioner unless  
 7       the applicant is exempted by the Commissioner, in his or her discretion, based on the  
 8       applicant’s experience and qualifications;”.

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#### SECTION 4.

10       Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 33-23-25, relating to place of business,  
 11       and inserting a new Code Section 33-23-25 to read as follows:

12       “33-23-25.

13       Every licensed agent, subagent, counselor, and adjuster shall have and maintain in this state  
 14       or, if a nonresident licensee, in the state of domicile, a place of business accessible to the  
 15       public. The place of business shall be that wherein the licensee principally conducts  
 16       transactions pursuant to the license. The address of the place of business shall ~~appear on~~  
 17       ~~all licenses of the resident licensee~~ be maintained by the Commissioner. All resident and  
 18       nonresident licensees shall promptly notify the Commissioner in writing within 30 days of  
 19       any change in the business address.”

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#### SECTION 5.

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