

Senate Bill 564

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, the "Georgia Arbitration Code," so as to provide that an agreement of mandatory
3 arbitration shall contain certain notices; to provide for an addendum to such agreements
4 informing the parties of certain information relating to the arbitrators; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
9 "Georgia Arbitration Code," is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 9-9-3,
10 relating to the effect of an arbitration agreement, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
11 "9-9-3.

12 (a) A written agreement to submit any existing controversy to arbitration or a provision
13 in a written contract to submit any controversy thereafter arising to arbitration is
14 enforceable without regard to the justiciable character of the controversy and confers
15 jurisdiction on the courts of the state to enforce it and to enter judgment on an award.

16 (b) In order for an agreement to arbitrate which specifies a particular arbitrator or a method
17 or appointment of arbitrators to be valid, it must contain a separate page attached as an
18 exhibit to the agreement setting forth the fee schedule of any arbitrator named in the
19 agreement, the location within the state of all of the arbitrator's places of business, and an
20 acknowledgment signed by all parties affirmatively consenting to such arbitrator or method
21 of appointing arbitrators."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.