

House Bill 472

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions of insurance, so as to provide that an insurer may provide insurance  
3 policies and other information in a language other than English; to provide in the event of a  
4 dispute or complaint arising involving material not in English, the English version of the  
5 material will control the resolution of the dispute or complaint; to provide for related matters;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
10 provisions of insurance, is amended by adding Code Section 33-1-19 to read as follows:

11 "33-1-19.

12 (a) An insurer, as defined in paragraph (4) of Code Section 33-1-2, may conduct  
13 transactions in a language other than English through an employee or agent acting as  
14 interpreter or through an interpreter provided by the customer, insurer, or agent.

15 (b) An insurer may provide insurance policies, endorsements, riders, explanatory details,  
16 or advertising material in a language other than English. In the event of a dispute or  
17 complaint wherein the insurer provided any material in a language other than English, the  
18 English language version of the policy as defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 33-24-1  
19 shall control the resolution of the dispute or complaint."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.