

Senate Bill 144

By: Senators Murphy of the 27th, Hudgens of the 47th, Heath of the 31st, Rogers of the 21st and Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions of insurance generally, so as to provide that individuals who  
3 receive group insurance benefits pursuant to Title 20 and Title 45 are exempt from this article  
4 so as to comply with the United States Internal Revenue Code; to provide an effective date;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 general provisions of insurance generally, is amended by revising Code Section 33-24-35,  
10 relating to group insurance for government employees, as follows:

11 "33-24-35.

12 Participation in group insurance by employees shall be entirely voluntary on the part of  
13 each employee at all times. Any employee, upon any payday, may withdraw or retire from  
14 such group plan, except those individuals who receive benefits pursuant to Title 20 and  
15 Title 45, upon giving his or her employer written notice of his or her intention to do so and  
16 directing the discontinuance of deductions from his or her wages or salary in payment of  
17 the plan."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.