

Senate Bill 355

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Douglas of the 17th and Balfour of the 9th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 31-21-7, relating to disposition of remains of deceased persons, so
2 as to provide that in the priority list of persons authorized to control the disposition of the
3 remains of a deceased person, in the case of deceased military personnel, the person
4 designated on the deceased person's United States Department of Defense Record of
5 Emergency Data, DD Form 93 shall have the second priority, after only a health care agent
6 designated in an advance directive for health care; to provide for related matters; to provide
7 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 31-21-7, relating to disposition of remains of deceased persons, is amended in
11 subsection (b) by inserting between paragraphs (1) and (2) a new paragraph as follows:

12 "(1.1) If the deceased person died while serving in any branch of the United States
13 Armed Forces as defined in 10 U.S.C. Section 148, the person, if any, designated by the
14 deceased person as authorized to direct disposition as listed on the deceased person's
15 United States Department of Defense Record of Emergency Data, DD Form 93, or any
16 similar successor form adopted by the Department of Defense;"

17 **SECTION 2.**

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

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.