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House Bill 417

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st, Meadows of the 5th, Knox of the 24th, Maxwell of the 17th, and Hembree of the 67th

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 in the event of a dispute or complaint arising
- 3 involving material not in English, the English version of the material shall control the
- 4 resolution of the dispute or complaint; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
- 5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

- 8 Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
- 9 provisions of insurance, is amended by adding Code Section 33-1-19 to read as follows:
- 10 "<u>33-1-19.</u>
- In the event of a dispute or complaint wherein an insurer provided any material in a
- 12 <u>language other than English, the English language version of the policy as defined in</u>
- paragraph (1) of Code Section 33-24-1 shall control the resolution of the dispute or
- 14 complaint."

15 SECTION 2.

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.