

House Bill 1166

By: Representative Scott of the 153rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-5-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 contributions made to candidate or campaign committee or for recall of a public officer, so
3 as to provide that any person acting on behalf of an insurance corporation, partnership, or
4 business regulated by the Commissioner of Insurance shall not make any contribution to a
5 political campaign for such office or to any campaign conducted by an incumbent
6 commissioner; to prohibit certain gifts to such officer or his or her family; to provide for a
7 penalty; to provide for 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 21-5-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contributions
11 made to a candidate or campaign committee or for recall of a public officer, is amended by
12 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 "(h)(1) A person acting on behalf of an insurance corporation, partnership, or business
14 regulated by the Commissioner of Insurance shall not make, directly or indirectly, any
15 contribution to a political campaign for such office or to the campaign for any political
16 office being conducted by an incumbent Commissioner of Insurance.

17 (2) It shall be unlawful for the Commissioner of Insurance or any member of his or her
18 immediate family to accept a gift or gratuity exceeding an aggregate value of \$100.00 in
19 any 24 hour period from any business entity or any person having a managerial position
20 with any such business entity regulated by the commissioner's office.

21 (3) Any person who knowingly violates this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and
22 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years or by
23 a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00, or both."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.