

Senate Bill 203

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Annotated, relating to licensing of
2 agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, so as to provide that certain
3 individuals who collect and input data into an automated claims adjudication system are
4 exempt from licensure; to provide for definitions; to change certain resident independent
5 adjuster license requirements; to add certain nonresident independent adjuster license
6 requirements; to provided for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

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

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of
11 agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, is amended by adding a new
12 paragraph to subsection (a) of Code Section 33-23-1, relating to definitions, to read as
13 follows:

14 "(3.1) 'Automated claims adjudication system' means a preprogrammed computer system
15 designed for the collection, data entry, calculation, and final resolution of property
16 insurance claims used only for communications equipment as defined in paragraph (1) of
17 subsection (d) of Code Section 33-23-12 which:

18 (1) May only be utilized by a licensed independent adjuster, licensed agent, or supervised
19 individuals operating pursuant to this paragraph;

20 (2) Shall comply with all claims payment requirements of the Georgia Insurance Code;
21 and

22 (3) Shall be certified as compliant with this Code section by a licensed independent
23 adjuster that is an officer of a business entity licensed under this chapter."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section
26 33-23-1, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

27 "(8) An individual who collects claim information from, or furnishes claim information
28 to, insureds or claimants, and who conducts data entry including entering data into an
29 automated claims adjudication system, provided that the individual is an employee of a
30 licensed independent adjuster or its affiliate where no more than 25 such persons are
31 under the supervision of one licensed independent adjuster or licensed agent."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.