

House Bill 986 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Smith of the 131st, Maxwell of the 17th, Meadows of the 5th, and Dollar of the 45th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to provide that in the event of a dispute or complaint arising involving material not in English, the English version of the material shall control the resolution of the dispute or complaint; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-22.

In the event of a dispute or complaint wherein an insurer provided any material in a language other than English, the English language version of the policy as that term is defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 33-24-1 shall control the resolution of such dispute or complaint; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Code section shall abrogate or supercede the provisions set forth in Chapter 6 of Title 33, relating to unfair trade practices."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.