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Senator Hill of the 32nd offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend 818 by inserting after "To" on line 1 "amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the*
 2 *Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation generally, so as to*
 3 *provide for a certificate of state law applicability to be issued by the State Board of Workers'*
 4 *Compensation under certain circumstances; to provide for an application fee; to authorize the*
 5 *board to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to" and by inserting after "BE IT*
 6 *ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:" the following:*

SECTION 0.1.

8 Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 9 workers' compensation generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
 10 follows:

11 "34-9-2.4.

12 (a) Any person, firm, or private corporation, including any public service corporation, that
 13 has regularly in service less than three employees in the same business within this state and
 14 has not voluntarily elected to be bound by this chapter may apply with the board for the
 15 issuance of a certificate of state law applicability. A form for making such application
 16 shall be made available by the board and shall require the applicant to swear or affirm
 17 under penalty of perjury facts necessary to show that the applicant meets the qualifications
 18 for the applicable exemption under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 34-9-2.
 19 The certificate of state law applicability shall recite relevant state law and certify that the
 20 applicant has represented facts to the board which, if true, would not require such applicant
 21 to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage under such laws of this state or to
 22 comply with any other provisions of this chapter. The certificate shall be issued by the
 23 board within 15 days of receipt of such application. A fee of \$25.00 shall be submitted
 24 with the application. If the application is denied for any reason, such application fee shall
 25 not be returned.

26 (b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require the board to investigate or
 27 make an independent determination as to any facts represented by the applicant for a
 28 certificate of state law applicability.

29 (c) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the
 30 implementation of this Code section."