

Senate Floor Amendment 1 to HB 795

Senators Martin of the 9th and Strickland of the 17th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 795 (LC 36 3490) by deleting lines 1 and 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the*
 2 *following:*

3 To amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial
 4 relations, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Labor to perform certain

5 *By inserting after "checks;" on line 8 the following:*

6 to change certain provisions relating to the eligibility for appointment as administrative law
 7 judge emeritus of the State Board of Workers' Compensation; to provide for terms of office
 8 and salary for the office of administrative law judge emeritus;

9 *By deleting lines 11 and 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

10 Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations,
 11 is amended in Code Section 34-2-6, relating to specific powers and duties of the

12 *By replacing "chapter" with "title" on line 24.*

13 *By inserting between lines 88 and 89 the following:*

14 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 34-9-57, relating to the creation of
 15 administrative law judge emeritus of the State Board of Workers' Compensation, eligibility
 16 for and manner of appointment, and compensation, as follows:

17 "34-9-57.

18 (a) There is created the office of administrative law judge emeritus of the board.

19 (b) Any administrative law judge, formerly known as deputy director, of the board ~~now~~
 20 ~~or hereafter~~ in office on June 30, 2018, shall be eligible for appointment as administrative
 21 law judge emeritus, ~~provided~~ once he or she has reached the age of 70 years and has either
 22 (1) attained 20 years of service in the capacity of administrative law judge or deputy
 23 director or (2) attained 20 years of total service, aggregating his or her service as
 24 administrative law judge or deputy director with any years of prior service as director,
 25 member of the General Assembly of Georgia or the Georgia National Guard, or as special
 26 assistant attorney general, or any combination of services in these offices.

27 (c) ~~An Such~~ administrative law judge emeritus shall be eligible for appointment by the
 28 Governor in the same manner as provided for appointment of a director emeritus under

29 Code Section 34-9-53 and shall exercise the same duties as provided in Code
30 Section 34-9-55 for a director emeritus.

31 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, all persons
32 appointed to the office of administrative law judge emeritus of the board prior to
33 June 30, 2018, shall continue to hold such office and shall receive the annual salary
34 provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section.

35 (e) All persons appointed to the office of administrative law judge emeritus as provided
36 in this Code section shall receive an annual salary equal to one-third of the annual salary
37 provided by law for an administrative law judge of the board at the time of appointment of
38 the administrative law judge emeritus under this Code section, such salary to be paid by the
39 board in semimonthly installments from funds provided by law for the operation of the
40 board."

41 **SECTION 4.**