

House Bill 167

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 33-23-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 authority of agent to act as adjuster, nonresident adjusters, and reciprocal agreements, so as  
3 to allow employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property  
4 insurance claims of \$1,000.00 or less without obtaining an adjuster license; to provide for  
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 33-23-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authority of  
9 agent to act as adjuster, nonresident adjusters, and reciprocal agreements, is amended by  
10 revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) No license by this state shall be required:

12 (1) Of a nonresident independent adjuster for the adjustment in this state of a single loss  
13 or of losses arising out of a catastrophe common to all such losses; ~~or~~

14 (2) Of a nonresident adjuster who regularly adjusts in another state and who is licensed  
15 in such other state, if such state requires a license, to act as adjuster in this state for  
16 emergency insurance adjustment work for a period not exceeding 60 days and performed  
17 for an employer who is an insurance adjuster licensed by this state or who is a regular  
18 employer of one or more insurance adjusters licensed by this state, provided that the  
19 employer shall furnish to the Commissioner a notice in writing immediately upon the  
20 beginning of the emergency insurance adjustment work. The Commissioner may by rule  
21 or regulation establish criteria and procedures for adjusters operating under this Code  
22 section; ~~or~~

23 (3) Of an employee of a property and casualty insurer licensed to do business in this  
24 state, if such employee handles only claims with respect to residential property insurance  
25 in which the amount of the coverage for the applicable type of loss is contractually  
26 limited to \$1,000.00 or less."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.