

Senate Bill 432

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Jones of the 25th, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life
2 insurance, so as to require annual notification to policy owners and requested beneficiaries
3 of the existence of such policies; to require insurers to review the National Association of
4 Insurance Commissioners life insurance policy locator on a quarterly basis; to provide for
5 reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a sunset provision for reporting
6 requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance,
11 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "33-25-14.1.

13 (a) Every insurer licensed to transact life insurance or annuity policies in this state shall
14 provide an annual disclosure of the existence of such policy to the owner of such policy.
15 Such disclosure shall be delivered in person or by depositing the notice in the United States
16 Postal Service mails to be dispatched by at least first-class mail to the last address of record
17 of the policy owner with such insurer receiving the receipt provided by the United States
18 Postal Service or such other evidence of mailing as prescribed or accepted by the United
19 States Postal Service.

20 (b) The initial annual disclosure shall be provided on or before the later of one year from
21 the effective date of such policy or one year from the effective date of this Act.

22 (c) Every insurer described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also provide such
23 disclosure to each additional party as may be reasonably chosen by the policy owner to
24 receive such notification, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the
25 Commissioner.

26 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (c) of this Code section, no insurer shall be
27 required to provide the disclosure described in such subsections unless such policy was
28 paid up in full for the entirety of the preceding year.

29 (e) Every insurer described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, within 90 days of
30 receipt of a policy existence inquiry from the National Association of Insurance
31 Commissioners, notify any person making such inquiry if such insurer retains such policy.
32 Such notification shall be conducted in accordance with the processes described in
33 subsection (a) of this Code section.

34 (f) Every insurer described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, on at least a
35 quarterly basis, review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners life insurance
36 policy locator service for policyholder matches and retain reports from such searches until
37 December 31, 2024.

38 (g) Every insurer shall maintain such reports required under subsection (f) of this Code
39 section and submit such reports to the department in accordance with rules and regulations
40 promulgated by the Commissioner. This subsection shall stand repealed on
41 December 31, 2024.

42 (h) The Commissioner is authorized to enforce this Code section and, in doing so, to
43 exercise the powers granted to the Commissioner by Code Section 33-2-24 and any other
44 provisions of this title."

45 **SECTION 2.**

46 This Act shall become effective January 1, 2021.

47 **SECTION 3.**

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