

Senate Bill 504

By: Senators Parkes of the 7th, Orrock of the 36th, Mangham of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th, Mallow of the 2nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 department and Commissioner, so as to provide for certain lobbying restrictions on the
3 Commissioner of Insurance within five years after leaving office; to provide for a definition;
4 to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to department and
9 Commissioner, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "33-2-35.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'insurance industry' means any entity regulated
12 by the Commissioner, including, but not limited to, an entity whose paid lobbying activities
13 are directed at the Commissioner or pertain to matters within the regulatory authority of the
14 department during the Commissioner's tenure.

15 (b) Any individual who has served as Commissioner shall be prohibited from registering
16 as a lobbyist or engaging in lobbying in the insurance industry for a period of five years
17 after leaving such office.

18 (c) Any individual who is found to have violated this Code section shall be subject to a
19 civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.00 per insurance industry entity for which he or she
20 lobbied."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.