

House Bill 536

By: Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Harbin of the 122nd, Dickson of the 6th, and Hamilton of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to hearings and appeals relative to workers' compensation, so as to
3 change certain provisions relating to filing of claims with the State Board of Workers'
4 Compensation and dismissal of stale claims; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to hearings and appeals relative to workers' compensation, is amended by revising
10 subsection (d) of Code Section 34-9-100, relating to filing of claims with the State Board of
11 Workers' Compensation and dismissal of stale claims, as follows:

12 "(d)(1) For injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2007, but prior to July 1, 2015, any claim
13 filed with the board for which neither medical nor income benefits have been paid shall
14 stand dismissed with prejudice by operation of law if no hearing has been held within five
15 years of the alleged date of injury. For injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2015, any
16 claim filed with the board for which neither medical nor income benefits have been paid
17 shall stand dismissed with prejudice by operation of law if no hearing has been held
18 within two years of the alleged date of injury.

19 (2) This subsection shall not apply to a claim for an occupational disease as defined in
20 Code Section 34-9-280.

21 (3) The form provided by the board for use in filing a workers' compensation claim shall
22 include notice of the provisions of this subsection."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.