

House Bill 409 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Sims of the 123rd, Harbin of the 122nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Carter of the 175th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 insurance general provisions, so as to provide reimbursement for the treatment of burns for
3 skin substitutes utilizing cryopreserved cadaver derived skin tissue; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance
8 general provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "33-24-59.18.

10 No health benefit policy issued, delivered, or renewed in this state that, as a provision of
11 hospital, medical, or surgical services, directly or indirectly covers the treatment and
12 management of burns shall limit or exclude coverage for such treatment on the basis that
13 the use of cryopreserved cadaver derived skin tissue is an experimental or investigational
14 medical treatment."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.