

House Bill 1335

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Stephens of the 164th, Holly of the 116th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Williams of the 168th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 emergency management, so as to provide for certain longshoremen and related maritime,
3 port, warehouse, and logistics workers to be considered essential workers; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency
8 management, is amended in Code Section 38-3-58, relating to state-wide system to facilitate
9 the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency and
10 certification of organizations and businesses, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(c.1) During a state of emergency declared by the Governor, longshoremen and related
12 maritime, port, warehouse, and logistics workers that are employed by or under contract
13 with organizations and business entities certified pursuant to this Code section shall:

14 (1) Be classified as essential workers for purposes of the transport or distribution of
15 essentials;

- 16 (2) Not be unreasonably impeded from reporting to work and performing their duties by
17 emergency orders, curfews, or movement restrictions from the Georgia Emergency
18 Management and Homeland Security Agency or local officials;
19 (3) Receive priority access to personal protective equipment, testing, vaccinations, and
20 other protective resources as determined by the Department of Public Health; and
21 (4) Be eligible to receive temporary hazard pay, premium pay, or emergency
22 compensation as authorized by the Governor."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.