

Senate Bill 377

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Burke of the 11th, Mullis of the 53rd, Robertson of the 29th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Titles 8 and 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings
2 and housing and insurance, respectively, so as to change certain requirements related to
3 building inspections; to increase the number of buildings for which a private professional
4 provider may provide required plan reviews and inspections when the county or municipality
5 is unable to provide such services within a certain time period; to reduce the number of
6 required elevator inspections per year; to remove the requirement that certain parties with
7 whom the Department of Insurance contracts must perform the administration of certain
8 duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and receive fees for services directly from
9 consumers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
10 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

13 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is
14 amended in Code Section 8-2-26, relating to enforcement of codes generally, employment
15 and training of inspectors, and contracts for administration and enforcement of codes, by
16 revising paragraph (17) of subsection (g) as follows:

17 ~~"(17) This subsection shall not apply to hospitals, ambulatory health care centers, nursing~~
18 ~~homes, jails, penal institutions, airports, buildings or structures that impact national or~~
19 ~~state homeland security, or any building defined as a high-rise building in the State~~
20 ~~Minimum Standards Code; provided, however, that interior tenant build-out projects~~
21 ~~within high-rise buildings are not exempt from this subsection. Reserved."~~

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 Said title is further amended in Code Section 8-2-102, relating to inspections, by revising
24 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

25 "(a)(1) Power passenger elevators, power freight elevators, escalators, manlifts, and
26 moving walks shall be inspected once during each ~~six-month period~~ 12 month period;
27 provided, however, that the inspection of such equipment where found within facilities
28 governed by Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 shall occur once during each six-month
29 period."

30 SECTION 3.

31 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code
32 Section 33-23-11, relating to issuance and contents of license and display certificate of
33 licensure, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

34 "(d) The Commissioner shall have the authority to enter into agreements with persons for
35 the purposes of providing licensing testing, administrative, ~~record-keeping~~ record keeping,
36 printing, mounting, and other services related to the administration of the Commissioner's
37 duties under this article and to set appropriate charges by rule or regulation to cover the
38 costs of such services which shall be in addition to the fees otherwise provided for in this
39 title and ~~shall~~ may be paid directly to the providers of such services. The Commissioner
40 may require applicants for licenses to pay such charges for licensing testing and for the cost
41 of the printing and mounting of a certificate of licensure which is suitable for display
42 directly to the provider of such services. The Commissioner may require insurers to pay
43 such charges for licensing testing, administrative, ~~record-keeping~~ record keeping, and other
44 services provided for in this subsection directly to the provider of such services in an
45 amount corresponding to the number of their authorized agents."

46 SECTION 4.

47 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
48 without such approval.

49 SECTION 5.

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