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House Bill 405

By: Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Evans of the 57th, Crawford of the 89th, Roberts of the 52nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to licensing of agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, so as to require
- 3 licensed adjusters to be licensed contractors; to limit an adjuster's license based on the type
- 4 of contractor license held; to provide for licensed contractors to become licensed adjusters;
- 5 to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
- 6 and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

- 9 Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 10 licensing of agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, is amended in Code
- Section 33-23-5, relating to qualifications and requirements for license, by adding two new
- 12 subsections to read as follows:
- 13 "(e) Beginning July 1, 2026, an individual applying for a license as an adjuster shall show
- that he or she is licensed as a residential-basic contractor, residential-light commercial
- 15 contractor, commercial general contractor, or commercial general contractor limited tier
- depending on the area in which such individual shall be acting as an adjuster. The

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17 Commissioner shall by rule or regulation establish criteria and procedures for the scope of 18 practice for licensed adjusters and may provide for any exemptions or extensions for the 19 renewal of licenses for adjusters. 20 (f) An applicant who has a current valid license as a residential-basic contractor, 21 residential-light commercial contractor, commercial general contractor, or commercial 22 general contractor limited tier as provided in Chapter 41 of Title 43 shall be eligible for licensure as an adjuster limited to such applicant's scope of practice. The Commissioner 23 shall by rule or regulation establish criteria and procedures for the scope of practice for 24 such licenses and may provide for exemptions to requirements for licensure as an adjuster 25 based on an applicant's experience or the qualifications for contractor licenses provided for 26 under Code Section 43-41-6." 27

28 SECTION 2.

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