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The House Committee on Insurance offers the following substitute to SB 377:

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

22 **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:

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

30 **SECTION 3.**

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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:

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

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.

amount corresponding to the number of their authorized agents."