A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 51-12-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reduction and apportionment of award or bar of recovery according to percentage of fault of parties and nonparties, so as to authorize apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits; to provide for evidence of fault of nonparties; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Code Section 51-12-33, relating to reduction and apportionment of award or bar of recovery according to percentage of fault of parties and nonparties, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:
"(b) Where an action is brought against more than one person or more persons for injury to person or property, the trier of fact, in its determination of the total amount of damages to be awarded, if any, shall after a reduction of damages pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, if any, apportion its award of damages among the person or persons who are liable according to the percentage of fault of each person. Damages apportioned

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by the trier of fact as provided in this Code section shall be the liability of each person
against whom they are awarded, shall not be a joint liability among the persons liable, and
shall not be subject to any right of contribution.”

SECTION 2.
This Act shall apply to all cases filed after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
without such approval.

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.