

○ **WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW**

*STATUTORY CITATION:* Ga. Code §§ 34-9-1 – 34-9-421

*GENERAL SUMMARY:* Georgia's workers' compensation law requires employers with 3 or more employees to provide workers' compensation benefits to employees who sustain work-related injuries, or to surviving dependents of employees whose death is caused by an employment-related accident. Workers' compensation benefits may include payment of medical bills, replacement of a portion of lost wages, vocational services and other benefits. An employer's obligation to compensate employees who are injured on the job may be satisfied by purchasing workers' compensation insurance from a state authorized workers' compensation insurer, or by providing the state administering agency with satisfactory proof of the employer's financial ability to pay compensation directly.

*PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE:* Except for employers who voluntarily elect to provide coverage, the state workers' compensation law **does not apply** to farm employers or their workers.

*ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT*

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *State Board of Workers' Compensation, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.*

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*