

Senate Bill 153

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**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors  
2 or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance  
3 of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in  
4 amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional,  
5 or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law  
6 derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to  
7 revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of  
8 conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Reserved.

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in:

14 (1) Code Section 2-10-57, relating to authority of Commissioner to provide for safety and  
15 security at farmers' markets and police powers, in the introductory language of  
16 subparagraph (b)(1)(F), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 Reserved.

19 **SECTION 4.**

20 Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, is amended in:

21 (1) Code Section 4-11-3, relating to licenses for pet dealers and kennel, stable, or animal  
22 shelter operators, requirement, issuance, and application, in paragraph (c.1)(4), by deleting  
23 "and reserved".

24 **SECTION 5.**

25 Reserved.

26 **SECTION 6.**

27 Reserved.

28 **SECTION 7.**

29 Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is  
30 amended in:

31 (1) Code Section 7-1-612, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

32 (2) Code Section 7-1-689, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination  
33 requirements and powers, and limitations on civil liability, in paragraph (l)(1), by replacing  
34 "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

35 (3) Code Section 7-1-706, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination  
36 requirements and powers, and limitation on civil liability, in paragraph (l)(1), by replacing  
37 "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

38 (4) Code Section 7-1-1009, relating to record keeping, investigations and examinations, and  
39 exemptions from civil liability, in paragraph (g)(1), by replacing "and telephone," with  
40 "telephone number,".

41 (5) Code Section 7-1-1011, relating to annual fees, in subsection (a), by replacing "mortgage  
42 broker," with "a mortgage broker,".

43 (6) Code Section 7-1-1017, relating to suspension or revocation of licenses or mortgage  
44 broker education approval, notice, judicial review, and effect on preexisting contract, in  
45 subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and by replacing "their"  
46 with "his or her".

47 (7) Code Section 7-3-18, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

48 (8) Code Section 7-9-8, relating to the issuance of certificate of incorporation or certificate  
49 of organization, at the end of paragraph (3), by inserting a comma and in the undesignated  
50 text at the end of the Code section, by replacing "name of" with "the name of".

51 (9) Code Section 7-9-11.8, relating to rights and remedies of shareholders, in subsection (a),  
52 by replacing "known as the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code' or" with "the 'Georgia  
53 Business Corporation Code,' or" and in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "resulting acquirer"  
54 with "resulting merchant acquirer".

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## **SECTION 8.**

56 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is  
57 amended in:

58 (1) Code Section 8-3-311, relating to creation of stable housing accountability programs,  
59 application process, minimum standards, approval criteria, and funding, in the introductory  
60 language of subsection (d), by replacing "At minimum," with "At a minimum," in

61 subparagraph (d)(6)(A), by replacing "U.S." with "United States", in subparagraph (d)(6)(E),  
62 by replacing "heath" with "health", and in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or  
63 her".

64 (2) Code Section 8-3-312, relating to disbursements for operating expenses, by replacing  
65 "provided the commission" with "provided to the commission".

66 **SECTION 9.**

67 Reserved.

68 **SECTION 10.**

69 Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is  
70 amended in:

71 (1) Code Section 10-1-427, relating to false advertising of legal services, good faith  
72 exemptions, investigation and enforcement by Attorney General, and penalties for violation  
73 of cease and desist order, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Internet search engine ad," with  
74 "internet search engine advertisement,".

75 (2) Code Section 10-1-782, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in  
76 paragraph (23), by inserting "by" preceding "90,000".

77 (3) Code Section 10-4-111, relating to meetings of advisory board, duties, fixing opening  
78 date of marketing season, and revocation of license for early sale, by repealing and reserving  
79 said Code section.

80 (4) Article 7 of Chapter 6, which is reserved, by repealing said article.

81 **SECTION 11.**

82 Reserved.

83 **SECTION 12.**

84 Reserved.

85 **SECTION 13.**

86 Reserved.

87 **SECTION 14.**

88 Reserved.

89 **SECTION 15.**

90 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in:

91 (1) Code Section 15-5B-12, as effective on July 1, 2026, relating to proceedings, filing  
92 procedures, service, and scheduling, in subsection (f), by replacing "address of the of the"  
93 with "address of the".

94 (2) Code Section 15-10-101, relating to eligibility of constables, in paragraph (a)(4), by  
95 replacing "accredited high school diploma or general educational development (GED)" with  
96 "approved high school equivalency (HSE)".

97 (3) Code Section 15-11-71, relating to juvenile treatment court divisions, in the introductory  
98 language of paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "increase likelihood" with "increase the  
99 likelihood" and in subsection (f), by replacing "may have the authority" with "shall be  
100 authorized".

101 (4) Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to state-wide master jury list, driver's license  
102 information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise venire, in  
103 subsection (b), by replacing "or personal identification card" with "or identification card"  
104 each time the phrase appears and by replacing "or a personal identification card" with "or an  
105 identification card".

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**SECTION 16.**

107 Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is  
108 amended in:

109 (1) Code Section 16-5-3.1, relating to aggravated involuntary manslaughter for fentanyl  
110 overdose death, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "shall mean" with "means", in  
111 paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "shall include" with "includes", and in subsection (c), by  
112 replacing "10 years" with "ten years".

113 (2) Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, in subsections (c) and (f), by replacing  
114 "For purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in the  
115 undesignated text at the end of subsection (h), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As  
116 used in" and by replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens", and in subsection (i), by  
117 replacing "their" with "his or her".

118 (3) Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, in subsection (m), by replacing  
119 "their" with "his or her".

120 (4) Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, in subsection (d), by replacing "For  
121 purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in  
122 subsection (i), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall  
123 include" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in  
124 subsection (j), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

125 (5) Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, in subsection (g), by replacing "For purposes  
126 of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in subsection (i), by  
127 replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall include" with "As used  
128 in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in subsection (l), by replacing  
129 "their" with "his or her".

130 (6) Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, in subsection (i), by replacing  
131 "their" with "his or her".

132 (7) Code Section 16-7-21.1, relating to unlawful squatting, by revising said Code section as  
133 follows:

134 "16-7-21.1.

135 (a)(1) A person commits the offense of unlawful squatting when he or she enters upon  
136 the land or premises of another and resides on such land or premises for any period of  
137 time knowingly acting without the knowledge or consent of the owner, the rightful  
138 occupant, or an authorized representative of the owner. As used in ~~For purposes of this~~  
139 Code section, the term 'resides' means to inhabit or live on or within any land or premises.

140 (2) Any person who commits or is accused of committing the offense of unlawful  
141 squatting as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive a citation  
142 advising that ~~they must~~ he or she shall present to the head of the issuing law enforcement  
143 agency or ~~their designee~~ its designee, within three business days of receiving the citation  
144 for such alleged offense, properly executed documentation that authorizes the person's  
145 entry on such land or premises. Such documentation may include a properly executed  
146 lease or rental agreement or proof of rental payments.

147 (3) If such person is unable to provide the documentation required by paragraph (2) of  
148 this subsection, such person shall be subject to arrest for unlawful squatting and, upon  
149 conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalty provided in subsection (b) of this Code  
150 section.

151 (4) If such person ~~does provide~~ provides documentation that authorizes such person's  
152 entry on the land or premises, a hearing shall be set within seven days of the submission  
153 of such documentation, and, if the court of appropriate jurisdiction finds that the  
154 submitted documentation was not properly executed or is not meritorious, such person  
155 shall be subject to demand for possession and removal as provided in Code  
156 Section 44-11-32, be subject to arrest and upon conviction penalties as provided for in  
157 Code Sections 16-9-1 and 16-9-2, and ~~shall~~ be assessed an additional fine based on the  
158 fair market monthly rental rate of the land or premises.

159 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a  
 160 misdemeanor which upon conviction shall be ~~punishable~~ punished as provided in Code  
 161 Section 17-10-3."

162 (8) Code Section 16-7-23, relating to criminal damage to property in the second degree, in  
 163 paragraph (a)(2), by inserting a comma following "fireworks".

164 (9) Code Section 16-11-171, relating to definitions regarding Brady Law regulations, in  
 165 paragraph (4), by inserting "of Chapter 7" following "Article 6".

166 (10) Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drugs, by revising numerous paragraphs  
 167 in subsection (b), subparagraph (b)(59)(BB.5), and paragraph (c)(16.92) as follows:

168 "~~(57.5) Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed~~ vaccine adsorbed, Adjuvanted;"

169 "(BB.5) House ~~Dust Mite Allergen Extract~~ dust mite allergen extract;"

170 "(160.5) Chikungunya ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

171 "(206.7) Coagulation Factor X, (~~human~~) Human;"

172 "(247.4) Dengue ~~Tetavalent Vaccine~~ tetavalent vaccine, Live;"

173 "(317.3) Dornase ~~Alpha~~ alpha;"

174 "(328.3) Ebola Zaire ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

175 "~~(361.5) Reserved~~;"

176 "(383.15) Ferric ~~Hexacyanoferrate~~ hexacyanoferrate;"

177 "~~(386.3) Reserved~~;"

178 "(425) Gomenol ~~Solution~~ solution;"

179 "(433.5) Halobetasol ~~Propionate~~ propionate;"

180 "(446.2) Human ~~Papillomavirus~~ papillomavirus 9-valent ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Recombinant;"

181 "~~(509.7) Reserved~~;"

182 "~~(512.691) Reserved~~;"

183 "~~(529.93) Reserved~~;"

184 "~~(703.43) Reserved~~;"

185 "~~(731.1) Reserved~~;"



186 ~~"(732.9) Reserved;"~~  
 187 "(836.1) Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine syncytial virus vaccine;"  
 188 ~~"(851.02) Reserved;"~~  
 189 "(855.5) Sermorelin Acetate acetate;"  
 190 ~~"(945.5) Reserved;"~~  
 191 "(1025.8) Varicella Virus Vaccine Live virus vaccine, Live;"  
 192 "(1037.23) Von von Willebrand factor;"  
 193 "(1042.8) Zoledronic Acid acid;"  
 194 "(1042.95) Zoster Vaccine Recombinant vaccine recombinant, Adjuvanted;"  
 195 "(16.92) Any opioid antagonist, as defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, shall also be  
 196 exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose  
 197 prevention and when supplied by a dispenser or an authorized wholesale distributor;".  
 198 (11) Code Section 16-13-122, relating to content of kratom and required labeling, in  
 199 paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of".

200 **SECTION 17.**

201 Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is  
 202 amended in:

203 (1) Code Section 17-6-12, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, effect of  
 204 failure of person charged to appear for trial, and consideration of criminal record, in  
 205 subparagraph (a)(1)(GG), by replacing "Code Section 16-10-29;" with "Code  
 206 Section 16-10-24;".

207 (2) Code Section 17-10-7, relating to punishment of repeat offenders and punishment and  
 208 eligibility for parole of persons convicted of fourth felony offense, in subsection (e), by  
 209 replacing "recidivous" with "recidivist".

210 **SECTION 18.**

211 Reserved.

212 **SECTION 19.**

213 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is  
214 amended in:

215 (1) Code Section 19-6-9, relating to voluntary separation, abandonment, or driving off of  
216 spouse and equity may compel support, by deleting "and as may be".

217 (2) Code Section 19-6-32, relating to entering income withholding order or medical support  
218 notice for award of child support, when order or notice effective, and hearing on order, in  
219 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "means judge" with "means a judge" and in paragraph (a)(5),  
220 by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 666(b)(A)(I) and (ii)" with "42 U.S.C.  
221 Section 666(b)(6)(A)(i) and (ii)".

222 (3) Code Section 19-6-33, relating to notice and service of income withholding order,  
223 hearing on enforcement of order, discharge of obligor, and penalties, in paragraph (a)(2), by  
224 replacing "means judge" with "means a judge".

225 (4) Code Section 19-6-33.1, relating to family support registry, in subparagraph (e)(2)(A),  
226 by replacing "arrear or" with "arrears, or".

227 **SECTION 20.**

228 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in:

229 (1) Code Section 20-2-37, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

230 (2) Code Section 20-2-38, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

231 (3) Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating  
232 budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, in paragraph (a)(2),  
233 by replacing "system and," with "system,".

234 (4) Code Section 20-2-751.4, as effective on July 1, 2025, relating to policies prohibiting  
235 bullying and cyberbullying required, enforcement of policies including assignment to  
236 alternative school, notice, antibullying training programs and materials, limitation of liability,  
237 and noncompliance, by revising the introductory language of subparagraph (1)(A) as follows:

238       “(1)(A) 'Bullying' ~~'Bullying'~~ means an act that is:”

239 (5) Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillator required in high  
240 schools, requirements, and funding, in subparagraph (c)(7)(D), by deleting the comma  
241 following "leads".

242 (6) Code Section 20-2-776.5, relating to opioid antagonists, possession, administration,  
243 obligations, and immunity from civil liability, at the end of subsection (g), by inserting a  
244 period following "known".

245 (7) Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by designating  
246 Code Section 20-3-1, relating to definitions, as Part 1.

247 (8) Code Section 20-3-38, relating to agricultural extension work, in subsection (a), by  
248 replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

249 (9) Code Section 20-3-41.2, relating to surrender of materials to division for preservation,  
250 preparation of certified copies, ownership, operation, and management of electronic archival  
251 records, exemption for certain records under certain conditions, and "constitutional officer"  
252 defined, in subsections (a) through (c), by inserting "of the University System of Georgia"  
253 following "Division of Archives and History" each time the term appears.

254 (10) Code Section 20-3-41.3, relating to study of historical documents and public displays  
255 of the Foundations of American Law and Government, in paragraph (a)(1), by inserting "of  
256 the University System of Georgia" following "Division of Archives and History".

257 (11) Code Section 20-3-45, relating to Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council created,  
258 purpose, members, expenses, coordinator, officers, meetings, administrative assignment, and  
259 staff, in subsections (c) and (h), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with  
260 "the division".

261 (12) Code Section 20-3-45.1, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Historical Records  
262 Advisory Council, in paragraph (2), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with  
263 "the division".

264 (13) Code Section 20-3-48, relating to short title, public forums designated, "free speech  
265 zones" prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required  
266 materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (b)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such  
267 term".

268 (14) Code Section 20-3-60, relating to when properties of university system may be sold,  
269 leased, or otherwise disposed of, effect of restrictions on use, and works of art, in  
270 subsection (a) and in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (c)(2), by replacing  
271 "however, that" with "however, that," and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "The term 'work  
272 of art'" with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.

273 (15) Code Section 20-3-66, relating to determination of in-state resident status of students  
274 for tuition or fees, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "the  
275 term 'student from a homeless situation'" with "such term".

276 (16) Code Section 20-3-67, relating to powers of regents over system and institutions over  
277 students not limited by lowering age of majority, by replacing "the system" with "the  
278 university system".

279 (17) Code Section 20-3-92, relating to definitions regarding postsecondary education, in  
280 paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term" and by replacing "is recognized as  
281 a student organization" with "are recognized as student organizations".

282 (18) Code Section 20-3-130, relating to short title regarding junior colleges and name of  
283 junior college system, by replacing "shall be known as" with "shall be known and may be  
284 cited as" each time the phrase appears.

285 (19) Code Section 20-3-131, relating to definitions regarding junior colleges, in  
286 paragraph (2), by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local  
287 school system,".

288 (20) Code Section 20-3-132, relating to authority to establish and maintain junior colleges,  
289 by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local school system,"  
290 each time the phrase appears.

291 (21) Code Section 20-3-150, relating to short title regarding Georgia Education Authority  
292 (University), by replacing "may be cited" with "shall be known and may be cited".

293 (22) Code Section 20-3-200, relating to short title regarding Private Colleges and  
294 Universities Authority, by replacing "may be cited as" with "shall be known and may be cited  
295 as".

296 (23) Code Section 20-3-201, relating to definitions regarding Private Colleges and  
297 Universities Authority, in paragraph (4), by replacing "'Construction project' also means"  
298 with "Such term also means" and by replacing "The term 'construction project' also means"  
299 with "Such term also means", in paragraph (5), by replacing "the term 'cost,' as applied" with  
300 "such term, as applied", and in paragraph (6) and divisions (7)(A)(i), (7)(A)(ii), and  
301 (7)(A)(iv), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

302 (24) Code Section 20-3-231, relating to legislative findings and purpose of Georgia Student  
303 Finance Commission, in subsections (a) and (b), by deleting the internal catchlines.

304 (25) Code Section 20-3-234, relating to functions and composition of board of  
305 commissioners, appointment, qualifications, and terms of commissioners, board officers,  
306 meetings, committees, compensation, and advisory councils, in subsections (a) through (h),  
307 by deleting the internal catchlines.

308 (26) Code Section 20-3-235, relating to commission officers, employees, and support  
309 services, bonds, and legal services, in paragraphs (1) through (5), by deleting the internal  
310 catchlines.

311 (27) Code Section 20-3-236, relating to powers and duties of commission, board of  
312 commissioners, and officers, confidentiality, and repayments and refunds, in  
313 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "they" with "it" and by replacing "them" with "the board of  
314 commissioners" and in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

315 (28) Code Section 20-3-242, relating to web based counseling and resources for students,  
316 in paragraph (1), by replacing "web based" with "internet based" and in paragraph (2), by  
317 replacing "a web based" with "an internet based".

318 (29) Code Section 20-3-250.2, relating to definitions regarding nonpublic postsecondary  
319 educational institutions, in paragraph (11.1), by replacing "however, that" with "however,  
320 that,".

321 (30) Code Section 20-3-250.3, relating to educational institutions exempted from application  
322 of part, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (a)(13)(B), by replacing "however  
323 that" with "however, that" and in paragraph (a)(14), by replacing "associate" with  
324 "associate's".

325 (31) Code Section 20-3-250.6, relating to minimum standards for educational institutions,  
326 in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue".

327 (32) Code Section 20-3-250.8, relating to application to operate or conduct postsecondary  
328 activities, in subsection (a), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue" and by replacing  
329 "however, that" with "however, that," and in subsection (b), by replacing "catalogs," with  
330 "catalogues,".

331 (33) Code Section 20-3-311, relating to legislative findings and purposes of authority, in  
332 subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline.

333 (34) Code Section 20-3-313, relating to authority created as successor to Georgia Higher  
334 Education Assistance Authority and abolishment of Georgia Higher Education Assistance  
335 Corporation, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "however:" with  
336 "however, that:", in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2), by replacing "That educational" with  
337 "Educational", and in paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "That all" with "All".

338 (35) Code Section 20-3-314, relating to functions, composition, organization, and conduct  
339 of affairs of board of directors, in subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline, in the  
340 introductory language of subsection (b), by deleting the internal catchline and by replacing  
341 "however:" with "however, that:", in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "That nothing" with

342 "Nothing", in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "That no" with "No", and in paragraph (b)(3),  
343 by replacing "That the" with "The".

344 (36) Code Section 20-3-316, relating to powers and duties of authority, employees'  
345 functions, servicing of educational loans, registration with Selective Service System, and  
346 confidentiality, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

347 (37) Code Section 20-3-329, relating to employees of commission transferred to authority,  
348 status of authority employees hired after July 1, 1996, status of transferred employees, and  
349 benefits of transferred employees not impaired, in subsection (c), by replacing "however,  
350 that" with "however, that,".

351 (38) Code Section 20-3-373, relating to general loan fund, in the undesignated text at the end  
352 of subsection (a), by replacing "fund to make" with "fund provided for in subsection (a) of  
353 this Code section to make" and by redesignating such undesignated text as new  
354 subsection (b) and by redesignating current subsection (b) as new subsection (c).

355 (39) Code Section 20-3-374, relating to service cancelable loan fund and authorized types  
356 of service cancelable educational loans, in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4), by deleting the  
357 internal catchlines.

358 (40) Code Section 20-3-386, relating to distribution of education loan repayment assistance  
359 and conditions, in subsection (d), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

360 (41) Code Section 20-3-395, relating to definitions regarding direct loans to students on  
361 basis of need and merit, in subparagraphs (3)(A), (3)(B), and (3)(C), by replacing "associate"  
362 with "associate's" and in paragraph (6), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

363 (42) Code Section 20-3-400.1, relating to definitions regarding graduate on time student  
364 loans, in paragraph (1) and subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate" with  
365 "associate's".

366 (43) Code Section 20-3-405.1, relating to definitions regarding Education for Public Service  
367 Student Loan, in subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate degrees" with  
368 "associate's degrees".

369 (44) Code Section 20-3-405.2, relating to eligibility, repayment period, maximum amount,  
370 application, and statement of requirements, in subsection (c), by replacing "associate degree,"  
371 with "associate's degree,".

372 (45) Code Section 20-3-431, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory  
373 language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

374 (46) Code Section 20-3-441, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory  
375 language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

376 (47) Code Section 20-3-499, relating to selection of REACH scholars, in  
377 division (a)(1)(B)(i), by replacing "SNAP (Food Stamp)" with "Supplemental Nutrition  
378 Assistance Program (SNAP)" and in division (a)(1)(B)(ii), by replacing "TANF" with  
379 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)".

380 (48) Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions regarding HOPE scholarships and grants,  
381 in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (6)(A), by replacing "however, that" with  
382 "however, that," and in paragraph (25), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

383 (49) Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship  
384 and award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a) and in the introductory  
385 language of subsection (b), by replacing "associate" with "associate's" and in  
386 paragraph (d)(3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," each time the phrase  
387 appears.

388 (50) Code Section 20-3-519.5, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant and  
389 award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a.1) and the undesignated text at  
390 the end of subsection (a.1), by replacing "associate degree" with "associate's degree".

391 (51) Code Section 20-3-564, relating to authorization to dispose of property, by replacing  
392 "however, that" with "however, that,".

393 (52) Code Section 20-3-633, relating to creation, board of directors, and assignment to  
394 Department of Administrative Services, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Chancellor" with  
395 "chancellor".



396 (53) Code Section 20-3-642, relating to records not open to public inspection and duration,  
397 in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "clearing house" with "clearing-house".

398 (54) Article 13 of Chapter 3, relating to compensation of intercollegiate athletes, by  
399 repealing said article.

400 (55) Code Section 20-4-1, relating to acceptance of federal act regarding vocational  
401 education, by replacing "(20 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929),"  
402 with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11, et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".

403 (56) Code Section 20-4-4, relating to employing teachers under federal act, by replacing "(20  
404 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929)," with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11,  
405 et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".

406 (57) Code Section 20-4-10, relating to the State Board of the Technical College System of  
407 Georgia established, members, and officers, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, in"  
408 with "provided, however, that, in".

409 (58) Code Section 20-4-11, relating to powers of the State Board of the Technical College  
410 System of Georgia, at the end of division (3)(C)(ii), by replacing the period with a semicolon.

411 (59) Code Section 20-4-11.1, relating to public forums designated, "free speech zones"  
412 prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required  
413 materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (a)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such  
414 term".

415 (60) Code Section 20-4-15, relating to establishment of adult literacy programs, eligibility,  
416 and office of adult literacy, in the introductory language of subsection (d), by replacing  
417 "who:" with "who are:", in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Are high" with "High", and in  
418 paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "Are at" with "At".

419 (61) Code Section 20-4-17, relating to agencies to receive federal funds and transfer of  
420 personnel to Department of Technical and Adult Education, now known as Technical  
421 College System of Georgia, in subsection (a), by replacing "further," with "further, that".

422 (62) Code Section 20-4-41, relating to extent and nature of training to be offered, by  
423 replacing "however, no" with "however, that no".

424 (63) Article 5 of Chapter 4, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, by replacing  
425 "commissioner of the Department of Economic Development" with "commissioner of  
426 economic development" each time the phrase appears in:

427 (A) Code Section 20-4-120, relating to the creation of commission and membership;

428 (B) Code Section 20-4-131, relating to administration of grant program and purpose;

429 (C) Code Section 20-4-132, relating to awarding of grants;

430 (D) Code Section 20-4-133, relating to grant application requirements; and

431 (E) Code Section 20-4-134, relating to rules and regulations.

432 (64) Code Section 20-4-141, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high  
433 school diploma to successful participants, skills and knowledge, eligibility for participation,  
434 and regulation, in paragraph (a)(1) and subparagraph (f)(3)(A), by replacing "associate  
435 degree" with "associate's degree" and in divisions (e)(4)(A)(iii) and (e)(4)(B)(ii), by replacing  
436 "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C." each time the term appears.

437 (65) Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose, employer partnerships, required  
438 information, contracts, awards, and limitations, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing  
439 "\$10,000.00" with "Ten thousand dollars", in paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "\$5,000.00" with  
440 "Five thousand dollars", and in paragraph (e)(2), by deleting "the" preceding "Fiscal Year  
441 2025".

442 (66) Code Section 20-5-2, relating to powers and duties of the board of regents and director  
443 of University of Georgia Libraries, abolition of State Library Commission and transfer of  
444 functions, reports of state publications, and electronic submission, in subsection (e), by  
445 replacing "For purposes of this article, 'public documents' shall mean" with "As used in this  
446 Code section, the term 'public documents' means" and in subsection (k), by replacing  
447 "Division of Archives and History," with "Division of Archives and History of the University  
448 System of Georgia,".

449 (67) Code Section 20-5-5, relating to internet safety policies in public libraries, in  
450 paragraphs (a)(1) and (h)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".

451 (68) Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions regarding campus policemen, in  
452 paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'campus'" with "Such term".

453 (69) Code Section 20-12-1, relating to definitions regarding marine resources extension  
454 centers and institute for oceanographic studies, in paragraph (3), by deleting "as defined in  
455 paragraph (2) of this Code section".

456 (70) Code Section 20-14-96, relating to accrediting agencies, standards, applicability, and  
457 construction, in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

458 (71) Code Section 20-17-2, relating to provisions of The Interstate Compact on Educational  
459 Opportunity for Military Children, in Section A of Article II and in Section A(1) of Article  
460 III, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Sections 1209 and 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and  
461 1211".

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## SECTION 21.

463 Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in:

464 (1) Code Section 21-2-217, relating to rules for determining residence, by revising  
465 subparagraph (a)(2)(B) and subsection (b) as follows:

466       "(B) If a person returns to his or her original or new residence after voting or  
467       registering to vote in a different or separate jurisdiction, such person shall update ~~their~~  
468       his or her voter registration with ~~their~~ his or her current residency jurisdiction in order  
469       to be deemed a valid registered elector and resident of such jurisdiction for voting  
470       purposes; and"

471       "(b) In determining a voter's qualification to register and vote, the registrars to whom such  
472       application is made shall consider, in addition to the applicant's expressed intent, any  
473       relevant circumstances determining the applicant's residence. The registrars taking such  
474       registration may consider the applicant's financial independence; ~~;~~ business pursuits; ~~;~~

475 employment; income sources; residence for income tax purposes; age; marital status;  
476 residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any; leaseholds; sites of personal and real  
477 property owned by the applicant; motor vehicle and other personal property registration;  
478 National Change of Address program information sponsored by the United States Postal  
479 Service; and other such factors that the registrars may reasonably deem necessary to  
480 determine the qualification of an applicant to vote in a primary or election. The decision  
481 of the registrars to whom such application is made shall be presumptive evidence of a  
482 person's residence for voting purposes."

483 **SECTION 22.**

484 Reserved.

485 **SECTION 23.**

486 Reserved.

487 **SECTION 24.**

488 Reserved.

489 **SECTION 25.**

490 Reserved.

491 **SECTION 26.**

492 Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics,  
493 is amended in:

494 (1) Code Section 26-4-116.1, relating to licensed health practitioners authorized to prescribe  
495 auto-injectable epinephrine for schools and pharmacists authorized to fill prescriptions, in  
496 subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 31-1-14" with "Code Section 31-1-15".

497 **SECTION 27.**

498 Reserved.

499 **SECTION 28.**

500 Reserved.

501 **SECTION 29.**

502 Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is  
503 amended in:

504 (1) Code Section 29-5-3, relating to order of preference in selecting conservator, nomination  
505 of individual to serve as conservator, and requirements of nomination, in paragraph (b)(4),  
506 by replacing "(c)" with "(d)".

507 **SECTION 30.**

508 Reserved.

509 **SECTION 31.**

510 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in:

511 (1) Code Section 31-1-6, relating to reuse of heart pacemakers, in subsection (b), by deleting  
512 ", as defined in subsection (a) of this Code section,".

513 (2) Code Section 31-1-8, relating to notice of proposed special facility, in the introductory  
514 language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in", in  
515 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "drug users as defined in paragraph (11) of" with "drug  
516 abusers as defined in", and in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "provided such" with "provided  
517 that such".

518 (3) Code Section 31-1-9, relating to breast-feeding of baby, by replacing "breast-feeding"  
519 with "breastfeeding" and by replacing "breast-feed" with "breastfeed".

520 (4) Code Section 31-1-19, relating to prohibition on expenditure or use of state resources to  
521 advocate for or intend to influence citizens in support of Medicaid expansion under the  
522 federal Affordable Care Act, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Law" with "P.L."

523 (5) Code Section 31-1-24, relating to organ transplant protections for individuals with  
524 disabilities and civil relief for violations, in division (a)(2)(C)(ii), by inserting a comma  
525 following "Section 1320d" and by replacing "such Act" with "such act".

526 (6) Code Section 31-2-4, relating to department's powers, duties, functions, and  
527 responsibilities, divisions, directors, and contracts for health benefits, in  
528 subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "*State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.*,"  
529 with "State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.," and in the introductory language  
530 of subparagraph (d)(10)(B) and in subparagraph (d)(11)(B), by replacing "For purposes of"  
531 with "As used in".

532 (7) Code Section 31-2-8, relating to actions against certain applicants or licensees, in  
533 subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in", by replacing "shall be used  
534 to refer to" with "means", and by replacing "provisions of the law" with "provisions of law"  
535 and in subparagraph (c)(6)(B), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

536 (8) Code Section 31-2-17, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.

537 (9) Code Section 31-2-18, relating to website reporting on state health plans, in  
538 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Medical" with "The medical", in paragraph (a)(2), by  
539 replacing "PeachCare" with "The PeachCare", in the introductory language of subsection (b),  
540 by replacing "department website" with "department's website", and in paragraph (b)(3), by  
541 replacing "non-emergent" with "nonemergent".

542 (10) Code Section 31-2A-12, relating to the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant  
543 Health and composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities, in subsection (c), by  
544 replacing "council" with "commission", in paragraph (e)(5), by inserting a comma following  
545 "chapter", and in subsection (h), by inserting "and reserved" following "repealed".

- 546 (11) Code Section 31-2A-16, relating to Maternal Mortality Review Committee established,  
547 in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Chapter 7 of Title 31," with "Chapter 7 of this title,".
- 548 (12) Code Section 31-5-3, relating to appeals, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "however,"  
549 with "however, that,".
- 550 (13) Code Section 31-6-21.1, relating to procedures for rule making by Department of  
551 Community Health, in subsection (h), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'rules'  
552 shall mean" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'rules' means".
- 553 (14) Code Section 31-6-40, relating to certificate of need required for new institutional  
554 health services and exemption, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, all" with "however,  
555 that all".
- 556 (15) Code Section 31-6-42, relating to qualifications for issuance of certificate, in the  
557 undesignated text at the end of subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used  
558 in".
- 559 (16) Code Section 31-6-43, relating to acceptance or rejection of application for certificate,  
560 in subsection (k), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 561 (17) Code Section 31-6-44.1, relating to judicial review, in subsection (c), by replacing  
562 "however," with "however, that".
- 563 (18) Code Section 31-6-45.2, relating to participation as Medicaid provider requirement,  
564 termination by health care facility of participation as provider of medical assistance, and  
565 monetary penalty, in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "For  
566 purposes of this Code section, 'good cause' shall mean:" with "As used in this Code section,  
567 the term 'good cause' means:".
- 568 (19) Code Section 31-6-70, relating to reports to the department by certain health care  
569 facilities and all ambulatory surgical centers and imaging centers and public availability, in  
570 the introductory language of paragraph (b)(8), by replacing "person" with "persons" and in  
571 subsection (g), by replacing "department website" with "department's website".

572 (20) Code Section 31-7-1, relating to definitions regarding regulation and construction of  
573 hospitals other health care facilities, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (4), by  
574 replacing "The term 'institution'" with "Such term" and in subparagraph (8)(B), by inserting  
575 "that" following "provided".

576 (21) Code Section 31-7-2.2, relating to determination that patients or residents in an  
577 institution, community living arrangement, or treatment program are in danger, relocation  
578 of patients or residents, and suspension of admissions, in the introductory language of  
579 paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "or program" with "or a program".

580 (22) Code Section 31-7-7, relating to refusal or revocation by public hospital of staff  
581 privileges, in subsection (a), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".

582 (23) Code Section 31-7-12, relating to personal care homes, licensure and registration,  
583 inspection by local boards, fees, investigations, waiver, variance, or exemption, staffing,  
584 training, and financial stability requirements, and certified medication aides, in  
585 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "This term" with "Such term" and by deleting "of  
586 subsection (b)".

587 (24) Code Section 31-7-12.2, relating to regulation and licensing of assisted living  
588 communities, legislative intent, definitions, procedures, and requirements for medication  
589 aides, in subsection (e), by replacing "Office" with "office".

590 (25) Code Section 31-7-12.8, relating to certification as nurse aide, employer sponsored  
591 training and competency examination programs, and provisional practice by military medical  
592 personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

593 (26) Code Section 31-7-55, relating to administration of state funds, by inserting "federal"  
594 preceding "Public Health Service Act".

595 (27) Code Section 31-7-56, relating to adherence to federal law and regulations, by inserting  
596 "federal" preceding "Public Health Service Act".

597 (28) Code Section 31-7-92, relating to filing of audits, by deleting the comma following  
598 "municipality".



- 599 (29) Code Section 31-7-133, relating to confidentiality of review organization's records, in  
600 subsection (a) and paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "however, such" with "however, that such".
- 601 (30) Code Section 31-7-407.1, relating to report of findings, by replacing "the time for  
602 issuing said" with "that the time for issuing such".
- 603 (31) Code Section 31-8-3, relating to disbursement of state funds to counties, by replacing  
604 "however, the" with "however, that the".
- 605 (32) Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, obligations of rural  
606 hospitals after receipt of funds, and posting information on website, in  
607 subparagraph (a)(3)(H), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 608 (33) Code Section 31-8-82, relating to persons required to report abuse or exploitation, time  
609 for making report, contents of report, records, and privileged communications, in  
610 paragraph (a)(9), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".
- 611 (34) Code Section 31-8-171, relating to definitions regarding quality assessment fees on care  
612 management organizations, in paragraph (1), by deleting "of the Official Code of Georgia  
613 Annotated" and by replacing "Sec." with "Section".
- 614 (35) Code Section 31-8-307, relating to referrals to the drug repository program, in the  
615 introductory language of subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "Corrections" and  
616 in paragraph (a)(3), by inserting a comma following "limited to".
- 617 (36) Code Section 31-9-2, relating to persons authorized to consent to surgical or medical  
618 treatment, in paragraph (a)(7), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph," with "As used  
619 in this paragraph, the term" and in subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As  
620 used in".
- 621 (37) Code Section 31-9-6.1, relating to disclosure of certain information to persons  
622 undergoing certain surgical or diagnostic procedures, failure to comply, exceptions, and  
623 regulations establishing standards for implementation, in paragraph (e)(4), by inserting a  
624 comma following "however, that".

625 (38) Code Section 31-9A-2, relating to definitions regarding woman's right to know, in  
626 paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'abortion'" with "Such term" each time the phrase  
627 appears, in paragraph (6), by replacing "Internet" with "internet", and in paragraph (7), by  
628 replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens".

629 (39) Code Section 31-9A-3, relating to voluntary and informed consent to abortion and  
630 availability of ultrasound, in subparagraph (2)(D), by replacing "they shall" with "such  
631 materials shall".

632 (40) Code Section 31-9B-2, relating to requirement to determine presence of detectable  
633 human heartbeat of unborn child, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "Code  
634 Section 43-34-8".

635 (41) Code Section 31-10-14, relating to issuance of new certificate of birth following  
636 adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, in subsection (b), by replacing  
637 "step-parent" with "stepparent".

638 (42) Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and recertification of, and training for,  
639 paramedics and cardiac technicians, qualifications by felons, and provisional practice by  
640 military medical personnel, in subsection (e), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used  
641 in".

642 (43) Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified  
643 emergency medical technicians and trainees and provisional practice by military medical  
644 personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

645 (44) Code Section 31-11-82, relating to evaluation of person with emergency condition,  
646 initiation of intervention without prospective authorization, and insurer may not deny  
647 payment after prospective authorization given, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes  
648 of" with "As used in".

649 (45) Code Section 31-12-2, relating to reporting certain diseases and neonatal abstinence  
650 syndrome, confidentiality, reporting required of pharmacists, immunity from liability as to  
651 information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, in subsection (a), by

652 replacing "however," with "however, that" and in paragraph (a.1)(2), by replacing  
653 "diagnosis" with "diagnoses".

654 (46) Code Section 31-12-3.1, relating to vaccination registry and reporting requirements,  
655 maintenance, and use of information, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b),  
656 by replacing "United States" with "federal".

657 (47) Code Section 31-12-4.1, relating to smallpox vaccination and treatment program, in  
658 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "workers," with "worker," and by replacing "said hospital"  
659 with "such hospital," and in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing  
660 "said" with "such".

661 (48) Code Section 31-12-13, relating to definitions concerning bloodborne pathogens,  
662 standards, and funds for research and development, in the introductory language of  
663 subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

664 (49) Code Section 31-13-6, relating to bonding licensees, in subsection (a), by replacing  
665 "bond not less" with "bond of not less".

666 (50) Code Section 31-14-14, relating to immunity from liability, by replacing "Title 31,"  
667 with "this title,".

668 (51) Code Section 31-17-4.2, relating to HIV and syphilis pregnancy screening, in  
669 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "28–32" with "28 to 32".

670 (52) Code Section 31-20-2, relating to performance of sterilization procedure upon request,  
671 by replacing "that prior to or at the time of such request" with "that, prior to or at the time of  
672 such request,".

673 (53) Code Section 31-21-3, relating to death of person with infectious or communicable  
674 disease, required reporting procedures, confidentiality, disclosure, and penalties, in the  
675 introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used  
676 in" and in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "or" with "and".

677 (54) Code Section 31-21-6, relating to notification of law enforcement agency upon  
678 disturbance, destruction, or debasement of human remains, in the introductory language of  
679 subsection (b), by replacing "ancestors of or" with "ancestors of".

680 (55) Code Section 31-21-7, relating to preneed contracts and revisions, affidavit on  
681 disposition of remains, role of probate court, warrant as to truthfulness, and liability of  
682 funeral home, in paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

683 (56) Code Section 31-21-20, relating to Board for the Distribution of Cadavers, by replacing  
684 "For the purposes of" with "As used in".

685 (57) Code Section 31-21-21, relating to delivery to board of certain unclaimed bodies, in  
686 subsection (a), by deleting "for distribution".

687 (58) Code Section 31-21-23, relating to distribution of bodies by board, by deleting "for  
688 distribution" and by deleting "above-specified".

689 (59) Code Section 31-21-24, relating to transportation of bodies, by deleting "for  
690 distribution" and by deleting "above".

691 (60) Code Section 31-21-26, relating to payment of expenses, by deleting "for distribution".

692 (61) Code Section 31-33-2, relating to furnishing copy of records to patient, provider, or  
693 other authorized person, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 1320d-2, et  
694 seq.," with "P.L. 104-191,".

695 (62) Code Section 31-33-7, relating to furnishing copies of psychological or psychiatric  
696 evaluation to law enforcement officer upon request, in subsection (c), by inserting a comma  
697 following "information".

698 (63) Code Section 31-33-8, relating to electronic records and application to psychiatric,  
699 psychological, or other mental health records, in subsection (g), by inserting a comma  
700 following "(d)".

701 (64) Code Section 31-34-4, relating to loan applicant qualifications and rules and  
702 regulations, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Education or the American Osteopathic  
703 Association" with "Education, the American Osteopathic Association," in paragraph (c)(1),

704 by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this  
705 article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this  
706 article,", and in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting  
707 loans under the provisions of this article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting  
708 loans under the provisions of this article," and by replacing "future census state" with "future  
709 such census".

710 (65) Code Section 31-34-5, relating to service cancelable loan, amount, repayment, and  
711 determination of underserved rural areas, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "that for  
712 applicants that" with "that, for applicants who".

713 (66) Code Section 31-34-6, relating to contract between applicant and state agreeing to terms  
714 and conditions of loan, breach of contract, and service cancelable contracts, in  
715 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "article who breaches" with "article that breaches".

716 (67) Code Section 31-35-1, relating to legislative findings, by replacing "the United States  
717 Centers" with "the federal Centers".

718 (68) Code Section 31-36B-5, relating to healthcare decision making by lay caregiver, no  
719 delay in care, and responsibilities, in subsection (e), by replacing "Center for Medicare" with  
720 "federal Centers for Medicare".

721 (69) Code Section 31-41-12, relating to definitions regarding childhood lead exposure  
722 control, in paragraph (2), by replacing "age including" with "age, including" and in  
723 paragraph (7), by replacing "14 U.S.C. Code Section 185(b)(15)" with "P.L. 102-550".

724 (70) Code Section 31-52-3, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Right to Try Act,"  
725 in subparagraph (5)(A), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".

726 (71) Code Section 31-53-3, relating to establishment of Office of Health Strategy and  
727 Coordination and powers and duties, in paragraph (b)(16), by inserting "and" preceding  
728 "practice" and by replacing "outcome" with "outcomes" and in paragraph (b)(23), by  
729 replacing "Centralizing" with "Centralize".

730 (72) Code Section 31-53-47, relating to submission of claims and personal identification  
731 data not public record, in subsection (b), by deleting the comma following "paid" and by  
732 replacing "Data Submission Guide" with "data submission guide" and in subsection (d), by  
733 replacing "claim" with "claims".

734 (73) Code Section 31-53-50, relating to penalties for noncompliance, in subsection (b), by  
735 deleting the comma following "31-53-51".

736 (74) Code Section 31-54-2, relating to law enforcement powers, required training, and  
737 carrying of weapon, in subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "however, that" and  
738 "further, that" and in subsection (b), by replacing "must" with "shall".

739 (75) The following Code sections, by inserting "federal" preceding "Centers for Disease  
740 Control and Prevention" each time the term appears:

741 (A) Code Section 31-7-18, relating to vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease  
742 for certain discharged patients, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers and  
743 other employees in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders;

744 (B) Code Section 31-7-19, relating to nursing homes to annually offer influenza  
745 vaccinations to health care workers and other employees and immunity from liability;

746 (C) Code Section 31-7-21, relating to provision of influenza education information to  
747 assisted living community residents;

748 (D) Code Section 31-12-3.2, relating to meningococcal disease, vaccinations, and  
749 disclosures;

750 (E) Code Section 31-22-9.2, relating to HIV tests and report of positive results,  
751 notification, counseling, violations, exception for insurance coverage, and exposure of  
752 health care provider;

753 (F) Code Section 31-45A-3, relating to development of model aquatic safety plan; and

754 (G) Code Section 31-49-3, relating to duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Council  
755 on Lupus Education and Awareness.

756 **SECTION 32.**

757 Reserved.

758 **SECTION 33.**

759 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in:

760 (1) Code Section 33-64-7, relating to the Commissioner of Insurance's authority over rules  
761 and regulations, in subsection (c), by replacing "deidentified" with "de-identified".

762 (2) Code Section 33-66-6, relating to data analysis and initial report, in subsection (b), by  
763 replacing "this Code Section" with "this Code section" and in subsection (c), by replacing  
764 "Governor's Office," with "Governor's office,".

765 **SECTION 34.**

766 Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations,  
767 is amended in:

768 (1) Code Section 34-8-167, relating to collection of delinquent contribution payments  
769 generally, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Sections 48-2-55 and 48-3-1" with "Code  
770 Section 48-2-55".

771 **SECTION 35.**

772 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and  
773 agencies, is amended in:

774 (1) Code Section 35-1-8, relating to acquisition, collection, classification, and preservation  
775 of information assisting in identifying deceased persons and locating missing persons, in  
776 paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in this  
777 subsection, the term".

778 (2) Code Section 35-1-19, relating to disclosure of arrest booking photographs prohibited,  
779 in subsection (b), by replacing "State Sexual Offender Registry," with "state sexual offender  
780 registry,".

781 (3) Code Section 35-2-15, relating to off-duty use of motor vehicles and other equipment by  
782 certain law enforcement officers, conditions for use, and rules and regulations, in  
783 paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

784 (4) Code Section 35-2-49, relating to provision of uniforms and equipment to sworn  
785 members of the Department of Public Safety and radio operators and retention of weapons  
786 and badges upon retirement, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department"  
787 each time the term appears and by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

788 (5) Code Section 35-2-51, relating to storeroom for excess clothing, equipment, and other  
789 articles and disposition of old and worn equipment, in subsection (b), by replacing "must"  
790 with "shall" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".

791 (6) Code Section 35-2-52, relating to clothing allowance for members of Uniform Division  
792 assigned permanently to personal security or special duty assignments, by replacing "Board  
793 of Public Safety," with "board,".

794 (7) Code Section 35-2-57, relating to use of retired unmarked pursuit cars for training, by  
795 replacing "Georgia State Patrol" with "Uniform Division" and by deleting "of public safety"  
796 following "commissioner".

797 (8) Code Section 35-2-81, relating to definitions regarding Department of Public Safety  
798 nomenclature, in paragraph (1), by replacing "Department of Public Safety," with  
799 "department,", and by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraphs (4)  
800 through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively.

801 (9) Code Section 35-2-84, relating to procedure for seeking permission to use department  
802 nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

803 (10) Code Section 35-2-120, relating to definitions regarding the Capitol Police Division,  
804 by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (2).



805 (11) Code Section 35-3-5, relating to director and creation, appointment and removal, and  
806 powers and duties, in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board".

807 (12) Code Section 35-3-7, relating to agreements by director and commissioner for provision  
808 of services and material, by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner" and by  
809 replacing "Board of Public Safety," with "board,".

810 (13) Code Section 35-3-31, relating to establishment of center, staff and equipment  
811 generally, and State Personnel Board status of personnel, in subsection (a), by replacing  
812 "Georgia Bureau of Investigation," with "bureau," and in subsection (c), by replacing  
813 "Department of Public Safety," with "department,".

814 (14) Code Section 35-3-63, relating to creation of task force and purposes, by replacing  
815 "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with "bureau" each time the term appears and by replacing  
816 "This Antiterrorism Task Force" with "The task force".

817 (15) Code Section 35-3-104, relating to procedures for seeking permission to use bureau  
818 nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

819 (16) Code Section 35-3-150, relating to definitions regarding the Division of Forensic  
820 Sciences, by revising said Code section as follows:

821 "35-3-150.

822 As used in this article, the term:

823 ~~(1) 'Board' means the Board of Public Safety.~~

824 ~~(2)~~(1) 'Crime lab' or 'state crime lab' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the  
825 ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

826 ~~(3) 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.~~

827 ~~(4)~~(2) 'Division' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the ~~Georgia Bureau of~~  
828 ~~Investigation~~ bureau.

829 ~~(5)~~(3) 'Division director' means the director of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the  
830 ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

831 ~~(6)~~(4) 'Independent test' means a forensic analysis of evidence in the custody and  
832 possession of the state or any political subdivision or authority thereof conducted at the  
833 request of or on behalf of any person other than a prosecuting attorney, law enforcement  
834 officer, or other authorized agent of the state or which are ordered conducted by a court  
835 at the request of an accused.

836 ~~(7)~~(5) 'Regional medical examiner' shall have the same meaning as ~~defined in~~  
837 ~~paragraph (13) of~~ set forth in Code Section 45-16-21.

838 ~~(8)~~(6) 'Rule' or 'rules' means a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of  
839 Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

840 (17) Code Section 35-3-204, relating to membership in Georgia Information Sharing and  
841 Analysis Center and availability of analysts, in subsection (a), by deleting "of public safety"  
842 following "commissioner".

843 (18) Code Section 35-5-2, relating to board authorized to establish, operate, and maintain  
844 center and powers of board as to selection and compensation of administrator, in the  
845 introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board"  
846 and in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training  
847 Center".

848 (19) Code Section 35-5-3, relating to assignment to Department of Public Safety for  
849 administrative purposes and authorization to solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations,  
850 property, and services, in subsection (a), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety  
851 Training Center" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".

852 (20) Code Section 35-5-4, relating to powers and duties of administrator of Georgia Public  
853 Safety Training Center, by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center"  
854 each time the term appears.

855 (21) Code Section 35-5-5, relating to center available for use by certain personnel, fees,  
856 enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, in subsections (a),

857 (b), and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center" each time  
858 the term appears.

859 (22) Code Section 35-5-7, relating to law enforcement unit, in subsection (a), by replacing  
860 "center," with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center,".

861 (23) Code Section 35-6A-3, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to  
862 holding public office, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Board of Public Safety," with  
863 "board," and by replacing "the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental  
864 Disabilities," with "behavioral health and developmental disabilities,".

865 (24) Code Section 35-6A-4, relating to election of chairperson and vice chairperson,  
866 meetings, minutes and records, and rules, in paragraph (2), by replacing "chairman" with  
867 "chairperson" and in paragraph (3), by inserting "and" at the end.

868 (25) Code Section 35-6A-10, relating to incentives for using federal Department of  
869 Homeland Security's Secure Communities initiative and obligations of council, in  
870 paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4), by replacing "Internet website;" with "internet website;".

871 (26) Code Section 35-6A-11, relating to juvenile justice advisory board and membership,  
872 in paragraph (a)(8), by deleting "and" at the end and in subsection (d), by replacing "must"  
873 with "shall".

874 (27) Code Section 35-6A-13, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as  
875 reserved.

876 (28) Code Section 35-6A-14, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as  
877 reserved.

878 (29) Code Section 35-6A-15, relating to grant program for transportation costs to emergency  
879 treatment facilities, by replacing "the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council" with "the  
880 council".

881 (30) Code Section 35-6A-17, relating to the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention  
882 Advisory Board, membership, and termination, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Office of  
883 the Attorney General;" with "office of the Attorney General;".

884 (31) Code Section 35-8-3, relating to the establishment of Georgia Peace Officer Standards  
885 and Training Council, membership, organization, and administrative assignment to  
886 Department of Public Safety, in paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of public safety" following  
887 "commissioner" and in subsection (e), by replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with  
888 "the department".

889 (32) Code Section 35-8-7.4, relating to bias motivated intimidation of first responders and  
890 prosecution and penalty, in subsection (a), by replacing the comma with a semicolon  
891 following "fire department" and by replacing the comma with a semicolon following "Code  
892 Section 35-8-2".

893 (33) Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of  
894 persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and  
895 "employment related information" defined, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "For purposes  
896 of this subsection," with "As used in this subsection,".

897 (34) Code Section 35-8-10, relating to applicability and effect of certification requirements  
898 generally and requirements as to exempt persons, in subsection (b), by replacing "Department  
899 of Public Safety," with "department," and by replacing "must" with "shall".

900 (35) Code Section 35-8-13.1, relating to training and certification of municipal probation  
901 officers, in subsection (e), by replacing "The term 'municipal probation officer' as used in this  
902 Code section means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'municipal probation  
903 officer' means", by replacing "the term 'municipal probation officer'" with "such term", and  
904 by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council"  
905 and in subsection (f), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training  
906 Council" with "the council".

907 (36) Code Section 35-8-20, relating to training requirements for police chiefs, department  
908 heads, and wardens, effect of failure to fulfill training requirement, and waiver of  
909 requirements, in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards  
910 and Training Council" with "the council".

911 (37) Code Section 35-8-20.1, relating to training for police chiefs and department heads  
912 appointed after June 30, 1999, and waivers, in subsections (b) and (h), by replacing "the  
913 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

914 (38) Code Section 35-8-21, relating to training requirements for peace officers, waiver,  
915 exemption for retired peace officers, and confirmation of training, in subsection (a), by  
916 replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with "the department" and by deleting "of public  
917 safety" following "commissioner" and in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia  
918 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

919 (39) Code Section 35-8-23, relating to basic training course for communications officers,  
920 certification requirements, duties of council, and rules and regulations, in subsection (d), by  
921 replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)".

922 (40) Code Section 35-8-24, relating to training requirements for jail officers and juvenile  
923 correctional officers, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (c), by replacing "the  
924 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

925 (41) Code Section 35-8-26, relating to TASER and electronic control weapons, requirements  
926 for use, establishment of policies, and training, in subsection (c), by replacing "the Georgia  
927 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

928 (42) The following Code sections, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with  
929 "department" each time the term appears:

930 (A) Code Section 35-1-22, relating to prohibition on law enforcement retaining license  
931 plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems, limited use of data,  
932 and public disclosure prohibited;

933 (B) Code Section 35-2-1, relating to creation of Board of Public Safety, composition, and  
934 appointment and terms of office of members;

935 (C) Code Section 35-2-31, relating to composition;

936 (D) Code Section 35-2-36.1, relating to Auxiliary Service of the Uniform Division,  
937 appointment of members, salary, authority and powers, equipment, and eligibility;

- 938 (E) Code Section 35-2-41.1, relating to donation or conveyance of property, equipment,  
939 or services to the department and procedure;
- 940 (F) Code Section 35-2-44, relating to enlistment, examination, preliminary training,  
941 subsequent instruction, and rules and regulations for discipline and conduct of recruits and  
942 troopers of Uniform Division;
- 943 (G) Code Section 35-2-45, relating to promotions of personnel in Uniform Division;
- 944 (H) Code Section 35-2-49.1, relating to retention of badge and weapon by disabled law  
945 enforcement officer;
- 946 (I) Code Section 35-2-50, relating to purchasing of uniforms, supplies, and equipment;
- 947 (J) Code Section 35-2-53, relating to members of Uniform Division to receive no costs or  
948 emoluments, exception for rewards, and payment and distribution of fines and costs;
- 949 (K) Code Section 35-2-74, relating to Governor to prescribe coverage by State Personnel  
950 Board;
- 951 (L) Code Section 35-2-102, relating to weight inspector positions, training, powers and  
952 responsibilities, and presence of certified peace officer;
- 953 (M) Code Section 35-2-140, relating to transfer of certain personnel, aircraft, and other  
954 assets from the Georgia Aviation Authority to the department;
- 955 (N) Code Section 35-2-160, relating to definitions regarding Office of Public Safety  
956 Support;
- 957 (O) Code Section 35-2-161, relating to Office of Public Safety Support established;
- 958 (P) Code Section 35-2-163, relating to peer counseling and critical incident support  
959 services, certification, and employment of necessary staff;
- 960 (Q) Code Section 35-3-4, relating to powers and duties of bureau generally;
- 961 (R) Code Section 35-4-3, relating to academy assigned to department for administrative  
962 purposes; and
- 963 (S) Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions regarding employment and training of  
964 peace officers.

965 (43) The following Code sections, by replacing "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with  
966 "bureau" each time the term appears:

967 (A) Code Section 35-3-3, relating to divisions of bureau;

968 (B) Code Section 35-3-33, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information  
969 Center generally;

970 (C) Code Section 35-3-34, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to  
971 private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and  
972 provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant  
973 Criminal Background Check System;

974 (D) Code Section 35-3-80, relating to definitions regarding the Missing Children  
975 Information Center;

976 (E) Code Section 35-3-81, relating to establishment, development, maintenance, and  
977 operation of center and staff;

978 (F) Code Section 35-3-84, relating to sending information to center;

979 (G) Code Section 35-3-151, relating to responsibilities of the Division of Forensic  
980 Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

981 (H) Code Section 35-3-152, relating to appointment, powers, and responsibilities of  
982 division director;

983 (I) Code Section 35-3-160, relating to DNA analysis in felony convictions and certain  
984 felony charges and performance of tests; and

985 (J) Code Section 35-3-201, relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis  
986 Center established and purpose.

987 **SECTION 36.**

988 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended  
989 in:

- 990 (1) Code Section 36-1-20, relating to ordinances for governing and policing of  
991 unincorporated areas of county, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "however,  
992 that" and by inserting a comma following "Clean Water Act".
- 993 (2) Code Section 36-5-28, relating to members of county governing authority to receive  
994 compensation increase when classified service employees receive increase, calculation, and  
995 effective date, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 996 (3) Code Section 36-9-3, relating to sale or disposition of county real property generally,  
997 right of certain counties to make private sale, and right of county to negotiate and  
998 consummate private sales of recreational set-asides, in division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing  
999 "posts:" with "posts", in subparagraph (a)(3)(D), by replacing "however, that" with "however,  
1000 that,", and in subparagraph (g)(3)(B), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1001 (4) Code Section 36-17-21, relating to allocation of funds, grant of tax credit to homesteads  
1002 as prerequisite to receipt of funds, and use of surplus funds, in subsection (a), by replacing  
1003 "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 1004 (5) Code Section 36-32-2, relating to appointment of judges, in paragraph (a)(2), by  
1005 replacing "provided such" with "provided that such".
- 1006 (6) Code Section 36-32-2.1, relating to removal of judges, in the introductory language of  
1007 paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "alleged" with "alleges" and in subparagraph (b)(3)(D), by  
1008 deleting "of subsection (c)".
- 1009 (7) Code Section 36-32-13, relating to municipal court clerks and role of Municipal Courts  
1010 Training Council, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes  
1011 of" with "As used in".
- 1012 (8) Code Section 36-34-5, relating to acquisition and construction of water and sewage  
1013 systems, in subsection (b), by replacing "subsection (c)" with "subsection (d)".
- 1014 (9) Code Section 36-36-4, relating to creation of unincorporated islands prohibited and  
1015 authorization to provide services or functions, in subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes  
1016 of this subsection, 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as contained in



1017 paragraph (3) of Code Section 36-36-90." with "As used in this subsection, the term  
1018 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 36-36-90."  
1019 (10) Code Section 36-36-11, relating to effect of objection to land use following rezoning  
1020 and minimum procedures for addressing issues, in subsection (a), by replacing "however,  
1021 that" with "however, that,".

1022 (11) Code Section 36-36-16, relating to procedures for annexation and referendum, in  
1023 subsection (b), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1024 (12) Code Section 36-36-112, relating to prohibition on a change in zoning or land use, by  
1025 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1026 (13) Code Section 36-36-115, relating to meetings of arbitration panel, duties, findings and  
1027 recommendations, and compensation, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "however, that" with  
1028 "however, that,".

1029 (14) Code Section 36-37-6, relating to disposition of municipal property generally, in  
1030 division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing "posts:" with "posts" and in subsection (c), by replacing  
1031 "however, that" with "however, that,".

1032 (15) Code Section 36-41-3, relating to definitions regarding urban residential finance  
1033 authorities for large municipalities, in paragraph (14), by replacing "The term 'real property'"  
1034 with "Such term", in paragraph (16), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and  
1035 by replacing "The term 'residential housing'" with "Such term", and in paragraph (17), by  
1036 replacing "The term 'security interest'" with "Such term".

1037 (16) Code Section 36-45-20, relating to training course regarding clerk of the governing  
1038 authority of a municipality, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used  
1039 in".

1040 (17) Code Section 36-60-6, relating to utilization of federal work authorization program,  
1041 "employee" defined, issuance of license, evidence of state licensure, annual reporting,  
1042 standardized form affidavit, violation, and investigations, in subsection (b), by replacing "For  
1043 purposes of" with "As used in".

- 1044 (18) Code Section 36-60-15.1, relating to operation and maintenance of water treatment  
1045 systems by private entities, by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'applicant'  
1046 means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'applicant' means".
- 1047 (19) Code Section 36-60-17, relating to water supplier's cut off of water to property because  
1048 of indebtedness of prior owner, occupant, or lessee prohibited, records required, statement  
1049 of past due amounts, and limited liens for unpaid charges for water, gas, sewerage service,  
1050 or electricity, in subparagraph (c)(1)(D), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".
- 1051 (20) Code Section 36-60-19, relating to dispatch centers, required training for  
1052 communications officers, exceptions, and penalty for noncompliance, in subsection (a), by  
1053 replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)" each time the term appears.
- 1054 (21) Code Section 36-60-21, relating to contracts with private companies to construct and  
1055 operate private toll roads and bridges to facilitate public transportation without additional tax  
1056 revenues, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1057 (22) Code Section 36-60-24, relating to sale or use or ignition of consumer fireworks  
1058 products, in subsection (f), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in  
1059 this Code section," and by replacing "provided" with "set forth".
- 1060 (23) Code Section 36-63-2, relating to purpose of chapter regarding resource recovery  
1061 development authorities, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1062 (24) Code Section 36-63-4, relating to definitions regarding resource recovery development  
1063 authorities, in paragraph (10), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 1064 (25) Code Section 36-63-8, relating to powers of authority generally, in paragraph (a)(6),  
1065 by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1066 (26) Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions regarding zoning procedures, in  
1067 paragraph (1.1), by replacing "powers including" with "powers, including" and in  
1068 paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
- 1069 (27) Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of  
1070 hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and

1071 procedure on zoning, in subsection (a), by replacing "this Code Section." with "this Code  
1072 section."

1073 (28) Code Section 36-66C-7, relating to requirements of authority following receipt of  
1074 application, notification of time lapse, consolidated application, limitation on installation  
1075 locations and permits, reconditioning work, time restrictions, imminent risk to public safety,  
1076 repair of damage, and delivery of notice or decision, in paragraph (j)(8), by replacing  
1077 "Title 36" with "this title" and in paragraph (m)(4), by replacing "120 days written notice"  
1078 with "120 days' written notice".

1079 (29) Code Section 36-70-2, relating to definitions regarding coordinated and comprehensive  
1080 planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, in paragraph (4), by deleting  
1081 "of the State of Georgia created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50" and in  
1082 paragraph (5.2), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".

1083 (30) Code Section 36-70-21, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to implementation  
1084 agreements, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "December 31st" with "December 31".

1085 (31) Code Section 36-70-22, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to date for process  
1086 initiation and notice to municipalities and counties impacted, in paragraph (a)(1), by  
1087 replacing "April 1st" with "April 1" and by replacing "July 1st" with "July 1".

1088 (32) Code Section 36-70-22.1, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to response  
1089 proposals, in subsection (a), by deleting ", and" following "Code Section 36-70-23" and by  
1090 replacing "all such factual" with "all factual".

1091 (33) Code Section 36-70-25.2, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to nonbinding  
1092 arbitration process, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "the 180th day" with "180 days".

1093 (34) Code Section 36-70-25.3, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to judicial resolution  
1094 of certain disputes, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (b), by replacing  
1095 "non-binding" with "nonbinding".

1096 (35) Code Section 36-72-2, relating to definitions regarding abandoned cemeteries and  
1097 burial grounds, in paragraph (3), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".

1098 (36) Code Section 36-76-2, relating to definitions regarding expedited franchising of cable  
1099 and video services, in subparagraph (8)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however,  
1100 that,", in subparagraph (8)(E), by replacing "Internet" with "internet" each time the term  
1101 appears, and in paragraph (17), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".

1102 (37) Code Section 36-76-4, relating to application process for the issuance of a state  
1103 franchise and fees, in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "geographical area" with "geographic  
1104 area" and in paragraph (g)(8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1105 (38) Code Section 36-80-16.1, relating to the PILOT Restriction Act, payments in lieu of  
1106 taxes defined, and financing capital projects, in the undesignated text at the end of  
1107 subsection (b), by replacing "The term 'payments in lieu of taxes'" with "Such term".

1108 (39) Code Section 36-80-17, relating to authorization to contract for utility services and  
1109 conditions and limitations, in subsection (a), by replacing "the term 'local authority' does"  
1110 with "such term does".

1111 (40) Code Section 36-80-19, relating to general codification of ordinances and resolutions,  
1112 publication and availability of code, and official state repository for general codifications,  
1113 in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".

1114 (41) Code Section 36-80-25, relating to financing of public projects by local entities, in  
1115 subsection (a), by replacing "health care" with "healthcare".

1116 (42) Code Section 36-80-26, relating to multi-county community improvement districts for  
1117 transit projects, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes  
1118 of" with "As used in" and in subsection (b), by replacing "multi-county" with "multicounty".

1119 (43) Code Section 36-81-2, relating to definitions regarding local government budgets and  
1120 audits, in paragraph (7), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in  
1121 paragraph (16), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph, 'county' includes" with "As  
1122 used in this paragraph, the term 'county' includes".

1123 (44) Code Section 36-82-1, relating to election for bonded debt, right to sell bonds at  
1124 discount, advertisements as binding statements of intention, use of surpluses, meetings open  
1125 to public, and refunding, in subsection (f), by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1126 (45) Code Section 36-82-60, relating to short title regarding revenue bonds, by inserting  
1127 "shall be known and" preceding "may be cited".

1128 (46) Code Section 36-82-75, relating to duty of district attorney or Attorney General to file  
1129 petition, order to show cause, service of petition and order, and answer, by replacing  
1130 "however," with "however, that".

1131 (47) Code Section 36-82-182, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Allocation  
1132 System," in paragraph (3), by replacing "For purposes of this article, the term 'bonds'" with  
1133 "Such term" and in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'business day'" with "Such term".

1134 (48) Code Section 36-82-240, relating to definitions regarding commercial paper notes from  
1135 government, in paragraph (2), by replacing "The term 'governmental entity' does not include  
1136 'state authorities' as defined in paragraph (9) of Code Section 50-17-21." with "Such term  
1137 does not include state authorities as defined in Code Section 50-17-21."

1138 (49) Code Section 36-85-2, relating to formation, functions, counties and municipalities as  
1139 separate classes, agreements creating agencies, and files of administrator are sole property  
1140 of agency, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".

1141 (50) Code Section 36-91-20, relating to written contract required, advertising, competitive  
1142 sealed bidding, timing of addendums, and prequalification, in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing  
1143 "Internet" with "internet" each time the term appears.

1144 (51) Code Section 36-91-21, relating to competitive award requirements, in  
1145 paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1146 (52) Code Section 36-91-50, relating to projects requiring bid bonds, revocation of bids, and  
1147 surety, in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

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**SECTION 37.**

1149 Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in:

1150 (1) Code Section 37-2-6.5, relating to cessation of operations by community service board,  
1151 notification, and continuation of operations by successor board, county board of health, or  
1152 outside manager, in paragraph (b)(2), by deleting "paragraph (1) of".

1153 (2) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients  
1154 to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination  
1155 in providing services prohibited, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 37-3-6.1,"  
1156 with "Code Section 37-2-6.1,".

1157 (3) Code Section 37-7-167, relating to right of patient to examine his records and to request  
1158 correction of inaccuracies, promulgation of rules and regulations, and judicial supervision  
1159 of files and records relating to proceedings under this chapter, in subsection (d), by inserting  
1160 "of subsection (a)" following "paragraphs (7) and (8)".

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**SECTION 38.**

1162 Reserved.

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**SECTION 39.**

1164 Reserved.

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**SECTION 40.**

1166 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
1167 amended in:

1168 (1) Code Section 40-1-221, relating to assumption of liability and insurance, in  
1169 paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "car sharing" with "car-sharing" and in subsection (f), by  
1170 replacing "car-sharing" with "peer-to-peer car-sharing".

1171 (2) Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of  
1172 registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor  
1173 vehicles, in subsection (d), by inserting a comma following "taxes".

1174 (3) Code Section 40-5-100, relating to application, contents of card, prohibition on  
1175 possession of more than one card, and optional contributions to and participation in voluntary  
1176 programs, in paragraph (f)(2), by replacing "a identification card" with "an identification  
1177 card".

1178 (4) Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with  
1179 recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, in the  
1180 introductory language of subsection (h), by inserting "of this Code section" following  
1181 "subsection (g)".

1182 (5) Code Section 40-16-8, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

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#### **SECTION 41.**

1184 Reserved.

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#### **SECTION 42.**

1186 Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended  
1187 in:

1188 (1) Code Section 42-1-12, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, in  
1189 paragraph (a)(6.1), by replacing "paragraph (2)" with "paragraph (3)".

1190 (2) Code Section 42-5-64, relating to educational programming and information provided  
1191 to released prisoners, in subsection (f), by replacing "a personal identification card" with "an  
1192 identification card".

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**SECTION 43.**

1194 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,  
1195 is amended in:

1196 (1) Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces,  
1197 in the introductory language of paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "described herein," with "set  
1198 forth in this Code section,".

1199 (2) Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active  
1200 or transitioning members of the armed forces and license by endorsement for certain  
1201 professions, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "or a law" with "or  
1202 law" and by replacing "individual has:" with "individual:".

1203 (3) Code Section 43-6-11, relating to qualifications of applicants for auctioneer's license, in  
1204 subsection (d), by inserting "diploma" following "(HSE)".

1205 (4) Code Section 43-11-2.1, relating to board authority, appointment, powers, and duties of  
1206 executive director and meetings, in subsection (b), by replacing "Chapter 1 of Title 43" with  
1207 "Chapter 1 of this title".

1208 (5) Code Section 43-15-2, relating to definitions regarding professional engineers and land  
1209 surveyors, in paragraph (5.1), by replacing "'Executive Director'" with "'Executive director'".

1210 (6) Code Section 43-24A-19, relating to exceptions regarding the "Georgia Massage  
1211 Therapy Practice Act," in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title".

1212 (7) Code Section 43-26-10, relating to practicing without a license prohibited, in  
1213 paragraph (4), by replacing "so to practice" with "to practice".

1214 (8) Code Section 43-27-2, relating to State Board of Long-Term Care Facility  
1215 Administrators and members, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing  
1216 "eleven" with "11".

1217 (9) Code Section 43-28-21, relating to text of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact,  
1218 in Section 2A, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and Section 1211" with "10 U.S.C.  
1219 Chapters 1209 and 1211".



- 1220 (10) Code Section 43-33-18, relating to refusal to grant or restore licenses, discipline of  
1221 licensees, suspension, revocation, or restriction of licenses, and immunity for violation  
1222 reporters, in the introductory language of subparagraph (a)(2)(A), division (a)(2)(A)(i), and  
1223 subparagraph (a)(2)(E), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title" each time the term appears.
- 1224 (11) Code Section 43-33-31, relating to ratification and text of the Physical Therapy  
1225 Licensure Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211" with  
1226 "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".
- 1227 (12) Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced  
1228 practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, conditions of nurse  
1229 protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, in paragraph (g)(10), by replacing "and  
1230 who" with "who", in paragraph (g.1)(2), by deleting the comma following "body", and in  
1231 subparagraph (m)(2)(C), by deleting "that".
- 1232 (13) Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant,  
1233 authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, in paragraph (c)(4), by deleting "that".
- 1234 (14) Code Section 43-34-290, relating to confidentiality of records regarding pain  
1235 management clinics, by replacing "Chapter 34 of Title 43" with "this chapter".
- 1236 (15) Code Section 43-41-8, relating to eligibility for licensure without examination,  
1237 reciprocity, and burden upon applicant, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or  
1238 her".
- 1239 (16) Code Section 43-41-18, relating to certain military specialties or certifications entitle  
1240 persons to obtain certain professional licenses, in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing  
1241 "residential light-commercial" with "residential-light commercial" each time the phrase  
1242 appears.
- 1243 (17) Chapters 42 and 48, which are repealed, by designating said chapters as reserved.
- 1244 (18) Code Section 43-44-31, relating to text of the Audiology and Speech-Language  
1245 Pathology Interstate Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and  
1246 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".

1247 (19) Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article regarding licensing of  
1248 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, in paragraph (19), by replacing "laws;" with "laws;  
1249 or".

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**SECTION 44.**

1251 Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in:

1252 (1) Code Section 44-2-39, relating to adoption of rules and regulations and standardization,  
1253 in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

1254 (2) Code Section 44-3-106, relating to powers and responsibilities of condominium  
1255 associations and tort actions, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "complied with or" with  
1256 "complied with; or".

1257 (3) Code Section 44-3-230, relating to frequency of meetings and notice regarding property  
1258 owners' associations, in subsection (b), by replacing "may called" with "may be called".

1259 (4) Code Section 44-3-231, relating to powers and duties of property owners' associations  
1260 and legal actions against agent or employee of association, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing  
1261 "compiled with or" with "complied with; or".

1262 (5) Code Section 44-5-60, relating to effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements  
1263 for use of public, renewal of certain covenants, and costs, in subsection (b), by replacing  
1264 "provided, however, that" with "provided, however, that," and in paragraph (d)(6), by  
1265 replacing "15 individuals plots" with "15 individual plots".

1266 (6) Code Section 44-7-55, relating to judgment, writ of possession, landlord's liability for  
1267 wrongful conduct, distribution of funds paid into court, and personal property, by revising  
1268 subsection (e) as follows:

1269 "(e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sheriff, constable, or marshal to execute  
1270 a writ of possession within 30 days from the issuance of any order granting a writ of  
1271 possession, or the issuance, application, or request for the execution of the writ of  
1272 possession; provided, however, that, in the event the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff,

1273 constable, or marshal is unable to execute the writ within 14 days from the landlord's  
 1274 application or request for such execution, the landlord shall be entitled to utilize the  
 1275 services of an off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, marshal, or other individual  
 1276 certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council having authority  
 1277 within the jurisdiction wherein the premises lie to execute such writ at the landlord's sole  
 1278 cost and expense. The sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain  
 1279 a list of authorized off-duty sheriffs, ~~sheriff deputies~~ deputy sheriffs, constables, marshals,  
 1280 and other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training  
 1281 Council and make the same available upon request by the landlord. The sheriff, ~~sheriff~~  
 1282 deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain administrative authority over any  
 1283 persons executing writs under this subsection. The landlord shall provide written notice  
 1284 to the sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, or marshal of the date and time of the  
 1285 execution of the writ by such off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, marshal,  
 1286 or other ~~individuals~~ individual certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and  
 1287 Training Council at least five calendar days in advance of such execution in order to permit  
 1288 the sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, or marshal to note the same within ~~their~~ his or  
 1289 her own records."

1290 (7) Code Section 44-11-30, relating to manner of ejecting intruders, affidavit, ejection by  
 1291 sheriff and other peace officers, and counteraffidavit, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with  
 1292 "deputy sheriff," each time the term appears.

1293 (8) Code Section 43-11-31, relating to sheriff and other peace officers competent to  
 1294 administer oath to person in possession, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff,".

1295 (9) Code Section 44-11-32, relating to procedure on submission of counteraffidavit, trial,  
 1296 nonmeritorious submission, and appeal, by deleting the subsection (a) designation and in  
 1297 paragraphs (1) and (2), by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff," each time the  
 1298 term appears.

1299 (10) Code Section 44-11-33, relating to issuance of writ of possession, fi. fa. for costs, and  
1300 presentation to law enforcement, by replacing "44-11-32, finds" with "44-11-32 finds".

1301 (11) Code Section 44-12-231, relating to enforcement of article regarding disposition of  
1302 unclaimed property and properties not paid over on a timely basis, in subsection (b), by  
1303 replacing "48-3-1" with "48-3-3".

1304 **SECTION 45.**

1305 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,  
1306 is amended in:

1307 (1) Code Section 45-9-81, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia State Indemnification  
1308 Fund, in paragraph (1), by repealing and reserving said paragraph.

1309 (2) Code Section 45-17-8, relating to powers and duties generally of notaries public, in  
1310 subsection (e), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

1311 (3) Code Section 45-19-44, relating to unlawful practices punishable by civil fine, at the end  
1312 of the introductory language of paragraph (a)(5), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

1313 **SECTION 46.**

1314 Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public  
1315 transportation, is amended in:

1316 (1) Code Section 46-2-8, relating to payment of salaries and expenses by commission,  
1317 appropriations for salaries and expenses, and designation of Public Service Commission  
1318 Fund, by replacing "for Commissioners," with "for the Commissioners,".

1319 (2) Code Section 46-2-23.1, relating to "alternative form of regulation" defined, filing,  
1320 notice, approval, and release of interstate pipeline capacity, in subparagraph (i)(1)(C), by  
1321 replacing "that if" with "that, if".

1322 (3) Code Section 46-2-26.3, relating to recovery of costs of conversion from oil-burning to

1323 coal-burning generating facility, filing of request, public hearing, determination of rate, and  
 1324 adjustments, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Service Commission" with "commission"  
 1325 and by revising subsection (b) as follows:

1326 ~~"(b) As used in this Code section, the term~~ For the purposes of this Code section, the  
 1327 ~~following words or terms shall have the following meanings:~~

1328 (1) 'Coal' ~~shall mean~~ means coal used as a primary energy source.

1329 ~~(2) 'Commission' shall mean the Georgia Public Service Commission.~~

1330 ~~(3)(2)(A)~~ (A) 'Cost of conversion' ~~shall mean~~ means costs as determined by the  
 1331 commission to be reasonable and necessary for the conversion of an oil-burning electric  
 1332 generating facility to the burning of coal. Such costs shall include, but not be limited  
 1333 to, engineering, administrative, and legal costs; the cost of environmental studies and  
 1334 control equipment, coal-handling and storage equipment, including rail facilities,  
 1335 equipment and facilities necessary to permit the combustion of coal; the cost of  
 1336 retrofitting or refurbishing boilers to permit the combustion of coal; the cost of on-site  
 1337 and off-site facilities for handling, storing, and disposing of wastes resulting from the  
 1338 combustion of coal; and the cost of all other facilities reasonable and necessary to  
 1339 allow the conversion of an oil-burning electric generating facility to burn coal. Such  
 1340 costs shall also include the reasonable cost of capital for such conversion and for  
 1341 carrying the cost of such conversion until such costs are recovered as provided in this  
 1342 Code section. In no case shall ~~cost of conversion~~ such term include any costs incurred  
 1343 pursuant to an expansion of an electric generating facility's generating capacity above  
 1344 the generating capacity of said facility that existed prior to the conversion from oil to  
 1345 coal.

1346 (B) Such term ~~'Cost of conversion'~~ shall not include the amount financed by the  
 1347 company through tax-exempt pollution control bonds, if any, of any portion of the  
 1348 project certified by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural  
 1349 Resources, or other agency vested with similar authority, to be a pollution control

1350 facility and therefore eligible for financing under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue  
1351 Code and the regulations thereunder or other similar law or regulation now or hereafter  
1352 adopted.

1353 ~~(4)(3)~~ 'Fuel cost savings' ~~shall mean~~ means the amount of fuel savings to be obtained by  
1354 operating the facility converted from oil to coal-fired operation during the facility's first  
1355 full 12 months of operation using coal as its primary fuel as compared to the operation  
1356 of such facility on oil, had it been so operated, during the same 12 month period.

1357 ~~(5)(4)~~ 'Utility' ~~shall mean~~ means any retail supplier of electricity subject to the  
1358 rate-making jurisdiction of the commission."

1359 (4) Code Section 46-2-26.5, relating to gas supply plans and adjustment factors, filings and  
1360 hearing procedures, and recovery of purchase gas cost, by deleting paragraph (a)(2) and  
1361 redesignating paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(8) as paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(7),  
1362 respectively.

1363 (5) Code Section 46-2-28, relating to procedure for issuance of stocks, bonds, notes, or other  
1364 debt by companies under commission's jurisdiction and exemptions, in the introductory  
1365 language of subsection (g), by deleting "paragraph (10) of".

1366 (6) Code Section 46-3-1, relating to the short title regarding allocation of territorial rights  
1367 to electric suppliers, by inserting "and may be cited" following "known".

1368 (7) Code Section 46-3-3, relating to definitions regarding allocation of territorial rights to  
1369 electric suppliers, in paragraph (2), by replacing "has the meaning provided by paragraph (3)  
1370 of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in".

1371 (8) Code Section 46-3-4, relating to assignment or declaration as unassigned areas-B of  
1372 geographic areas outside municipal limits as of March 29, 1973, in paragraph (3), by  
1373 replacing "provided that if" with "provided that, if" and by replacing "however, that" with  
1374 "however, that,".

1375 (9) Code Section 46-3-7, relating to assignment and unassignment of geographic areas  
1376 annexed to municipalities after March 29, 1973, in subparagraphs (2)(A) and (2)(D), by  
1377 replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1378 (10) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions regarding high-voltage safety, in  
1379 paragraph (3), by replacing "this term" with "such term".

1380 (11) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten  
1381 feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language, by deleting "as defined in  
1382 paragraph (6) of Code Section 46-3-32".

1383 (12) Code Section 46-3-52, relating to jurisdiction of commission over cogeneration facility  
1384 the energy from which is used solely by operator, by deleting paragraph (3) and  
1385 redesignating paragraphs (4) through (12) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively.

1386 (13) Code Section 46-3-62, relating to definitions regarding solar power free-market  
1387 financing, in paragraph (5), by replacing "has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (3)  
1388 of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in" and in paragraph (9), by replacing "has  
1389 the same meaning as provided in paragraph (6) of" with "shall have the same meaning as set  
1390 forth in".

1391 (14) Code Section 46-3-66, relating to construction and applicability, in subsections (d) and  
1392 (e), by replacing "the effective date of this part" with "July 1, 2015,".

1393 (15) Code Section 46-3-115, relating terms of authority members generally and time of  
1394 meeting of election committee prior to annual meeting of authority, by replacing "provided  
1395 that" with "provided that,".

1396 (16) Code Section 46-3-120, relating to quorum of authority, action by majority vote, and  
1397 adjournment of meetings at which less than a majority is present, by replacing "provided  
1398 that" with "provided that,".

1399 (17) Code Section 46-3-170, relating to short title regarding general provisions relative to  
1400 electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, by replacing "article  
1401 may" with "article shall be known and may".

1402 (18) Code Section 46-3-263, relating to notice of members' meetings, in subsection (a), by  
1403 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1404 (19) Code Section 46-3-322, relating to filing articles of incorporation, issuance of  
1405 certificate of incorporation, forwarding of copy of certificate to clerk of superior court,  
1406 rejection of articles of incorporation, publication of notice, and commencement of corporate  
1407 existence, in paragraph (e)(1), by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the  
1408 form, and by revising paragraph (c)(4) as follows:

1409 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the  
1410 county where the initial registered office of the electric membership corporation is to be  
1411 located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county  
1412 whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a  
1413 minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published  
1414 four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

1415 ' \_\_\_\_\_  
1416 \_\_\_\_\_  
1417 \_\_\_\_\_  
1418 (name and address of the newspaper designated  
1419 by the incorporator or incorporators or  
1420 ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)

1421 Dear Sirs:

1422 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1423 "' \_\_\_\_\_ (name of electric membership corporation) has been duly  
1424 incorporated on \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, and year to be inserted by the  
1425 Secretary of State), by the issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary  
1426 of State in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title  
1427 46, the "'Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act.'" The initial registered office



1428 of the electric membership corporation is located at \_\_\_\_\_  
 1429 (address of registered office) and its initial registered agent at such address is  
 1430 \_\_\_\_\_ (name of agent)."

1431 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the  
 1432 costs of publishing this notice.

1433 Very truly yours,

1434 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1435 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1436 \_\_\_\_\_

1437 (Name and address of incorporator or  
 1438 incorporators or ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)"

1439 (20) Code Section 46-3-363, relating to obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon  
 1440 amendment of name of electric membership corporation, filing articles of amendment,  
 1441 issuance of certificate of amendment, forwarding of copy of certificate to superior court,  
 1442 rejection of articles of amendment, and publication of notice, by revising paragraph (c)(4)  
 1443 as follows:

1444 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the  
 1445 county where the registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or  
 1446 which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most  
 1447 recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of  
 1448 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published four times  
 1449 in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

1450 ' \_\_\_\_\_  
 1451 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1452 \_\_\_\_\_

1453 (Name and address of the newspaper  
 1454 designated by the electric  
 1455 membership corporation)

1456 Dear Sirs:

1457 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1458 "The Articles of Incorporation of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of electric  
 1459 membership corporation) have been duly amended on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_  
 1460 (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State), by the issuance of a  
 1461 certificate of amendment by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the applicable  
 1462 provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership  
 1463 Corporation Act."

1464 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the  
 1465 cost of publishing this notice.

1466 Very truly yours,

1467 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1468 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1469 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1470 (Name and address of the electric  
 1471 membership corporation  
 1472 or its representative)"

1473 (21) Code Section 46-3-383, relating to contents of articles of merger or articles of  
 1474 consolidation, obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon use of new name, and  
 1475 procedures involving filing, issuance, rejection, and publication of articles of merger or  
 1476 articles of consolidation, by revising paragraph (d)(4) as follows:

1477 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the  
 1478 county where the registered office of the surviving or new electric membership  
 1479 corporation is to be located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published  
 1480 within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and  
 1481 circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain  
 1482 a notice to be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the  
 1483 following form:

1484 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1485 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1486 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1487 (name and address of the newspaper designated  
 1488 by the merging or consolidating  
 1489 electric membership corporations)

1490 Dear Sirs:

1491 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1492 "A (merger) (consolidation) (has been) (will be) effected by and between  
 1493 \_\_\_\_\_ (name and state of incorporation of each of the  
 1494 constituent electric membership corporations) on \_\_\_\_\_  
 1495 (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State) by the issuance of a  
 1496 certificate of (merger) (consolidation) by the Secretary of State, in accordance with  
 1497 the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric  
 1498 Membership Corporation Act." The name of the (surviving electric membership  
 1499 corporation in the merger) (new electric membership corporation resulting from the  
 1500 consolidation) (is) (will be) \_\_\_\_\_ (set forth the name and state  
 1501 of incorporation of the surviving electric membership corporation or new electric

1502 membership corporation, as the case may be), the registered office of which (is) (will  
1503 be) located at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of registered office).”

1504 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the  
1505 cost of publishing this notice.

1506 Very truly yours,

1507 \_\_\_\_\_  
1508 \_\_\_\_\_  
1509 \_\_\_\_\_

1510 (Name and address of merging  
1511 or consolidating electric  
1512 membership corporations  
1513 or their representative)”

1514 (22) Code Section 46-3-423, relating to procedure after filing statement of intent to dissolve,  
1515 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

1516 ”(a) The electric membership corporation shall immediately cause notice of its intent to  
1517 dissolve to be published in a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the  
1518 registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or which is a newspaper  
1519 of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual  
1520 statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation.

1521 This notice shall be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the  
1522 following form:

1523 'A Statement of Intent to Dissolve \_\_\_\_\_ (name of electric  
1524 membership corporation), a Georgia electric membership corporation with registered  
1525 office at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of registered office), has been delivered to  
1526 the Secretary of State by said electric membership corporation and filed by him on  
1527 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (month, day, and year), in accordance with the applicable

1528 provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership  
1529 Corporation Act."

1530 (23) Code Section 46-3-468, relating to application for reinstatement of certificate of  
1531 authority, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

1532 "(c) The application for reinstatement shall be in substantially the following form:

1533                                    'Application for Reinstatement of  
1534                                    Certificate of Authority

1535 To: The Secretary of State  
1536 Atlanta, Georgia

1537 Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 46-3-468, the undersigned foreign electric  
1538 cooperative hereby applies for a certificate of reinstatement of a foreign electric  
1539 cooperative and, for that purpose, submits the following:

1540 First: The name of the foreign electric cooperative at the date of the certificate of  
1541 revocation was \_\_\_\_\_.

1542 Second: The new name by which the foreign electric cooperative will hereafter be  
1543 known is \_\_\_\_\_.

1544 Third: The certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Georgia was  
1545 revoked on \_\_\_\_\_ for failure to follow the requirements stated in Code  
1546 Section 46-3-466.

1547 Fourth: The address, including street and number, of its registered office in Georgia is  
1548 \_\_\_\_\_; and the name of its registered agent in Georgia at that  
1549 address is \_\_\_\_\_.

1550 Fifth: The application is accompanied by all delinquent reports together with the filing  
1551 fees and penalties required by Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric  
1552 Membership Corporation Act."

1553 Date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

1554

1555

\_\_\_\_\_  
(President or vice-president)

1556

1557

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary or assistant secretary)."

1558 (24) Code Section 46-3-480, relating to requirement of annual reports by electric  
1559 membership corporation and foreign electric cooperative, in subsection (b), by replacing  
1560 "however," with "provided, however, that".

1561 (25) Code Section 46-3A-1, relating to definitions regarding integrated resource planning,  
1562 in the introductory language, by replacing "chapter:" with "chapter, the term:" and by  
1563 deleting paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2)  
1564 through (8), respectively.

1565 (26) Code Section 46-3A-3, relating to actions prohibited without a certificate of public  
1566 convenience and necessity, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing  
1567 "however," with "however, that".

1568 (27) Code Section 46-3A-10, relating to effect on rates of changed revenues and risks and  
1569 basis and effect of commission decision, by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1570 (28) Code Section 46-4-85, relating to authority members and terms of office, by replacing  
1571 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1572 (29) Code Section 46-4-90, relating to quorum and majority vote, by replacing "provided  
1573 that" with "provided that,".

1574 (30) Code Section 46-4-152, relating to definitions regarding natural gas competition and  
1575 deregulation, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term control" with "Such term" and in  
1576 paragraph (10.1), by replacing "defined" with "described".

1577 (31) Code Section 46-4-154, relating to notice of election, unbundling, rates, application  
1578 requirements, and surcharge on interruptibles, in subsection (e), by replacing "medicare" with  
1579 "Medicare" and by replacing "writeoffs" with "write-offs".

1580 (32) Code Section 46-4-158.2, relating to rules governing marketer's terms of service, in  
1581 paragraph (8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1582 (33) Code Section 46-4-159, relating to standards of conduct for electing distribution  
1583 companies and response to complaints, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "The term control"  
1584 with "Such term", in subparagraph (a)(3)(B), by replacing "the term marketer" with "such  
1585 term", and in paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "however," with "provided, however, that".

1586 (34) Code Section 46-4-160, relating to commission's authority over certificated marketers,  
1587 access to records, investigations and hearings, price summary, billing, violations, and  
1588 slamming, in subsection (j), by replacing "phrase" with "term".

1589 (35) Code Section 46-5-1, relating to exercise of power of eminent domain by telephone  
1590 companies, placement of posts and other fixtures, regulation of construction of fixtures,  
1591 posts, and wires near railroad tracks, liability of telephone companies for damages, required  
1592 information, and due compensation, in subparagraph (b)(1)(B) and paragraph (b)(7), by  
1593 replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with "commission", in the introductory  
1594 language of paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "Code section," with "Code section, the term", in  
1595 paragraph (b)(12), by replacing "As used in this Code section," with "As used in this Code  
1596 section, the term" and by replacing "however, that if" with "however, that, if", in  
1597 paragraph (b)(13), by replacing "ten percent" with "10 percent", and in  
1598 subparagraph (b)(19)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1599 (36) Code Section 46-5-2, relating to avoiding or attempting to avoid charges for use of  
1600 telecommunication service, penalties, and computation of damages, in paragraph (b)(1), by  
1601 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1602 (37) Code Section 46-5-3, relating to making, possessing, selling, allowing use of, or  
1603 publishing assembly plans for devices, equipment, or apparatus for committing theft of  
1604 telecommunications service, or for concealing origin or destination of any  
1605 telecommunication and compensatory damages, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "The term"  
1606 with "Such term" and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1607 (38) Code Section 46-5-5, relating to inclusion of local exchanges 495 and 567 in area  
1608 code 404, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1609 (39) Code Section 46-5-26, relating to access to live telephone operator, in subsection (a),  
1610 by replacing "For the purpose of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the  
1611 term" and by replacing "dials '0'." with "dials '0.'"

1612 (40) Code Section 46-5-27, relating to telephone solicitation calls and do not call database,  
1613 in subparagraph (b)(3)(B), by deleting "or" at the end and in subsection (n), by replacing  
1614 "voice over internet protocol" with "Voice over Internet Protocol".

1615 (41) Code Section 46-5-28, relating to consent required for inclusion of subscribers' names  
1616 or dialing numbers in a wireless telephone data base or a traditional telephone directory,  
1617 exceptions, disclosure of wireless numbers to telemarketers prohibited, violations, and  
1618 immunity of service suppliers for authorized disclosures, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing  
1619 "The term" with "Such term".

1620 (42) Code Section 46-5-30, relating to establishment, administration, and operation of  
1621 state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service, in  
1622 subsection (c), by replacing "basis; however," with "basis; provided, however, that".

1623 (43) Code Section 46-5-60, relating to short title regarding rural telephone cooperatives, by  
1624 replacing "part may" with "part shall be known and may".

1625 (44) Code Section 46-5-62, relating to definitions regarding rural telephone cooperatives,  
1626 in paragraph (5), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".

1627 (45) Code Section 46-5-63, relating to powers of cooperatives generally, in paragraph (4.1),  
1628 by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1629 (46) Code Section 46-5-75, relating to certificate of Secretary of State, by inserting quotation  
1630 marks at the beginning and end of the form.

1631 (47) Code Section 46-5-93, relating to pledging or encumbering of property, assets, rights,  
1632 and privileges of cooperative by board of directors to secure indebtedness to federal  
1633 government, tax exemption for mortgages and deeds of trust, and sale, pledge, or



1634 encumbrance of property, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that" with "provided  
1635 that,".

1636 (48) Code Section 46-5-122, relating to definitions regarding emergency telephone number  
1637 9-1-1 system, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'emergency 9-1-1 system'" with "Such  
1638 term", in paragraph (7), by replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with  
1639 "commission" and by replacing "The term 'exchange access facility'" with "Such term", in  
1640 the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (12.1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet",  
1641 in paragraph (17.1), by replacing "over the Internet" with "over the internet" and by replacing  
1642 "Internet protocol" with "Internet Protocol", and in paragraph (19), by replacing "The term"  
1643 with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.

1644 (49) Code Section 46-5-134.2, relating to prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge, definitions,  
1645 imposition of fee by localities, collection and remission of charges, and distribution of funds,  
1646 in paragraph (g)(3), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

1647 (50) Code Section 46-5-162, relating to definitions regarding telecommunications and  
1648 competition development, in the introductory language of paragraph (10), by replacing "For  
1649 purposes of this article, there" with "There" and in paragraph (18), by replacing "For  
1650 purposes of illustration, the term 'telecommunications services'" with "Such term".

1651 (51) Code Section 46-5-163, relating to certificates of authority, in subsection (f), by  
1652 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1653 (52) Code Section 46-5-165, relating to alternative regulation of rates, terms, and conditions,  
1654 in subsection (a), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1655 (53) Code Section 46-5-167, relating to Universal Access Fund, in paragraph (d)(1), by  
1656 replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in subsection (g), by replacing "Public  
1657 Service Commission" with "commission".

1658 (54) Code Section 46-5-181, relating to definitions regarding the "Telecommunications  
1659 Marketing Act of 1998," by revising said Code section as follows:

1660 "46-5-181.

1661 As used in this article, the terms ~~'local exchange company,' 'telecommunications company,'~~  
1662 ~~and 'telecommunications services'~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code  
1663 Section 46-5-162, the term ~~'local exchange carrier'~~ shall have the same meaning as ~~'local~~  
1664 ~~exchange company'~~; and the term ~~'long distance service'~~ shall include ~~interexchange~~  
1665 ~~inter-LATA telecommunications service and interexchange intra-LATA~~  
1666 ~~telecommunications service~~ term:

1667 (1) 'Local exchange carrier' shall have the same meaning as the term 'local exchange  
1668 company.'

1669 (2) 'Local exchange company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
1670 Section 46-5-162.

1671 (3) 'Long distance service' includes interexchange inter-LATA telecommunications  
1672 service and interexchange intra-LATA telecommunications service.

1673 (4) 'Telecommunications company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
1674 Section 46-5-162.

1675 (5) 'Telecommunications services' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
1676 Section 46-5-162."

1677 (55) Code Section 46-5-221, relating to definitions regarding competitive emerging  
1678 communications technologies, in subparagraph (1)(A), by replacing "Internet;" with  
1679 "internet;", in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (1), by replacing "For the  
1680 purposes of this article, broadband service" with "Such term", and in paragraph (2), by  
1681 replacing "Internet protocol" with "internet protocol".

1682 (56) Code Section 46-8-20, relating to exclusive power of commission to determine just and  
1683 reasonable rates and charges, establishing rates and tariffs generally, and locating of depots  
1684 and construction of freight and passenger buildings, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing  
1685 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1686 (57) Code Section 46-8-42, relating to certificate of incorporation, duration of corporate  
1687 existence, and fee for issuance of certificate, in subsection (a), by inserting quotation marks  
1688 at the beginning and end of the form.

1689 (58) Code Section 46-8-100, relating to general powers regarding powers of railroad  
1690 companies generally, in paragraph (3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1691 (59) Code Section 46-8-291, relating to consent and contributory negligence as defenses and  
1692 comparative negligence as affecting amount of recovery, by replacing "provided that" with  
1693 "provided that,".

1694 (60) Code Section 46-8-312, relating to service of process on lessor railroad company,  
1695 generally, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1696 (61) Code Section 46-8-339, relating to authority of street, suburban, and interurban railroad  
1697 companies to furnish steam for heating and power purposes and to lay and maintain  
1698 steampipes, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1699 (62) Code Section 46-9-42, relating to effect of strike by carrier's employees on carrier's  
1700 duty to transport goods, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1701 (63) Code Section 46-9-48, relating to adjustment and payment by common carriers of  
1702 claims for loss of property or overcharge for freight and effect of failure by common carrier  
1703 to adjust and pay claim, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1704 (64) Code Section 46-9-50, relating to weighing of railroad cars by certified public weighers  
1705 and manner of weighing cars, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that when" with  
1706 "provided that, when".

1707 (65) Code Section 46-9-138, relating to granting of annual passes by common carriers to  
1708 sheriffs and their deputies, by replacing "provided that the term 'sheriffs and their lawful  
1709 deputies,' as used in this Code section, means" with "provided that, as used in this Code  
1710 section, the term 'sheriffs and their lawful deputies' means".

1711 (66) Code Section 46-9-212, relating to switching off and delivering to connecting roads all  
1712 cars consigned to points over or beyond the connecting roads, in subsection (b), by replacing  
1713 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1714 (67) Code Section 46-9-230, relating to manner of incorporation of express companies, by  
1715 inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the certificate form.

1716 (68) Code Section 46-9-290, relating to Designated Georgia Rail Passenger Corridors, in  
1717 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "For the purposes of this subsection, 'high speed rail' is  
1718 defined as involving" with "As used in this subsection, the term 'high speed rail' means".

1719 (69) Chapters 10 and 11, which are reserved, by designating said chapters as repealed.

1720 (70) The following Code sections, by replacing "Public Service Commission" and "Georgia  
1721 Public Service Commission" with "commission" each time the term appears:

1722 (A) Code Section 46-1-2, relating to measure of damages for wrongs and injuries by  
1723 railroad companies generally and venue for actions against railroad companies and electric  
1724 companies generally;

1725 (B) Code Section 46-2-10, relating to payment of special fee by corporations and utilities  
1726 subject to jurisdiction of commission, notice of amount due, and procedure on default;

1727 (C) Code Section 46-2-25.2, relating to sixteen-mile toll-free telephone calling,  
1728 modification of rate schedules, recovery of expenses or lost revenues by telephone  
1729 companies, and rate-making power of Public Service Commission not affected;

1730 (D) Code Section 46-2-25.3, relating to toll-free calls within 22 miles of exchange,  
1731 hearings, and "net gain" defined;

1732 (E) Code Section 46-3-152, relating to jurisdiction of commission over rates, services, and  
1733 practices of authority;

1734 (F) Code Section 46-4-53, relating to application to commission by gas utility for order  
1735 approving utilization or operation of underground reservoir, hearing on application  
1736 generally, and giving notice of hearing;

- 1737 (G) Code Section 46-4-54, relating to investigation by state geologist of site of proposed  
1738 storage project, procedures involving state geologist, investigation of proposed storage  
1739 project by director of Environmental Protection Division, procedures involving director,  
1740 and investigation of proposed storage project by commission;
- 1741 (H) Code Section 46-4-60, relating to adoption by Board of Natural Resources of rules and  
1742 regulations governing construction, installation, utilization, and operation of underground  
1743 reservoirs and stations, wells, fixtures, and other facilities, enforcement of rules and  
1744 regulations, and inspection and examination;
- 1745 (I) Code Section 46-4-122, relating to exemption from regulation by Public Service  
1746 Commission;
- 1747 (J) Code Section 46-4A-12, relating to construction of chapter regarding provision of  
1748 energy conservation assistance to residential customers by electric and gas utilities;
- 1749 (K) Code Section 46-5-6, relating to exclusive power and authority of the Public Service  
1750 Commission to prescribe rules and regulations regarding public pay telephones;
- 1751 (L) Code Section 46-5-41, relating to obtaining of certificate of public convenience and  
1752 necessity for construction, operation, acquisition, or extension of telephone lines, plants,  
1753 or systems;
- 1754 (M) Code Section 46-5-124, relating to guidelines for implementing a state-wide  
1755 emergency 9-1-1 system and training and equipment standards;
- 1756 (N) Code Section 46-5-126, relating to cooperation by commission and telephone industry;
- 1757 (O) Code Section 46-5-137, relating to powers of Public Service Commission not affected;
- 1758 (P) Code Section 46-5-182, relating to certification of telecommunications companies  
1759 which bill for or solicit intrastate telecommunications services;
- 1760 (Q) Code Section 46-5-211, relating to consent of end user required for release of  
1761 telephone records and law enforcement exception;
- 1762 (R) Code Section 46-5-213, relating to circumstances to which this article not applicable  
1763 regarding disclosure of certain customer information;

- 1764 (S) Code Section 46-5-222, relating to commission has no authority over setting of rates  
1765 or terms and conditions for the offering of broadband service, voice over Internet protocol,  
1766 or wireless service and limitations;
- 1767 (T) Code Section 46-8-73, relating to contents of petition for dissolution, certification  
1768 resolution recommending dissolution, attachment of resolution to petition, verification of  
1769 petition, and fee for filing petition;
- 1770 (U) Code Section 46-8-75, relating to transfer of copy of petition from Secretary of State  
1771 to commission;
- 1772 (V) Code Section 46-8-78, relating to order of Secretary of State accepting surrender of  
1773 charter and franchises and dissolving corporation and recording of petition, certificate of  
1774 approval, certificate of publication, and order by Secretary of State;
- 1775 (W) Code Section 46-8-196, relating to use of standard signs for highway crossings and  
1776 for advertising or other purposes, mutilation, destruction, and defacement of standard signs,  
1777 and removal of unauthorized signs by county authorities; and
- 1778 (X) Code Section 46-8A-2, relating to line or system permit required regarding rapid rail  
1779 passenger service.

1780 **SECTION 47.**

1781 Reserved.

1782 **SECTION 48.**

1783 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is  
1784 amended in:

- 1785 (1) Code Section 48-5-7.6, relating to preferential assessment for brownfield property, in  
1786 division (h)(1)(B)(iii), by redesignating the second subdivision (II) as subdivision (III).

1787 (2) Code Section 48-5-28, relating to priority of taxes over other claims and superiority of  
1788 security deed, in subsection (a), by replacing "Code Section 53-7-91," with "Code  
1789 Section 53-7-40,".

1790 (3) Code Section 48-5-164, relating to duties of successor tax collector or tax commissioner  
1791 as to performing uncompleted duties of outgoing collector or commissioner, distribution of  
1792 commissions, and liability, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

1793 "(b)(~~1~~) Each tax collector or tax commissioner to whom a list is furnished as provided in  
1794 subsection (a) of this Code section shall pay to the outgoing tax collector or tax  
1795 commissioner, as the taxes are collected, one-half of the commissions and retain for his or  
1796 her services one-half, the commissions to be calculated as if the amounts had been  
1797 collected by the outgoing tax collector or tax commissioner.

1798 ~~(2) Reserved."~~

1799 (4) Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, at the end of  
1800 subparagraph (a)(3)(A), by replacing the period with a semicolon, in paragraph (a)(3), by  
1801 deleting the subparagraph (A) designation and by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
1802 paragraph (a)(3.1), and in division (a)(5)(D)(i), by deleting "or" at the end.

1803 (5) Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital  
1804 organizations, in subparagraph (e)(2)(E), by replacing "section including" with "section,  
1805 including" and in subparagraph (e)(4)(B), by replacing "their approval" with "such approval".

1806 (6) Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase or  
1807 lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, in the table in subsection (b),  
1808 under Tier 2, Credit amount per vehicle, by replacing "2000.00" with "2,000.00".

1809 (7) Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital  
1810 production, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (c)(2)(B), by replacing  
1811 "paragraph" with "subparagraph".

1812 (8) Code Section 48-7-40.30, relating to tax credits for certain qualified investments for  
1813 limited period of time, in paragraph (f)(5), by replacing "transferrable" with "transferable".

1814 (9) Code Section 48-8-2, relating to definitions regarding state sales and use tax, in the  
1815 introductory language of paragraph (39), by replacing "voice over internet protocol" with  
1816 "Voice over Internet Protocol".

1817 (10) Code Section 48-8-15, relating to ratification of Executive Order on temporary and  
1818 partial exemption for liquid propane gas commodity sold and delivered for residential  
1819 heating, in subsection (e), by replacing "Chapter 10" with "Chapter 1".

1820 (11) Code Section 48-13-133, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations regarding  
1821 taxation of consumer fireworks, by replacing "this Code section" with "this article".

1822

### **SECTION 49.**

1823 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended  
1824 in:

1825 (1) Code Section 49-3-6, relating to functions of county department of family and children  
1826 services, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Council of Accountability Courts" with "Council  
1827 of Accountability Court Judges" and in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Human  
1828 Services," with "board,".

1829 (2) Code Section 49-4-159.2, relating to remote maternal health clinical services, reporting,  
1830 and termination, in subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "transmitting" with "transmit" and  
1831 in subsection (c), by replacing "repealed" with "repealed and reserved".

1832 (3) Code Section 49-5-8, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Human  
1833 Services, in subparagraph (a)(11)(A), by replacing "with, a photograph of himself or herself,  
1834 provided however, that if" with "with a photograph of himself or herself; provided, however,  
1835 that, if" and in subparagraph (a)(11)(B), by replacing "a personal identification card" with  
1836 "an identification card" each time the phrase appears.



1837

**SECTION 50.**

1838 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
1839 in:

1840 (1) Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to regional commissions, by deleting the Part 1  
1841 designation.

1842 (2) Code Section 50-18-160, relating to individuals or nonprofit organizations, in  
1843 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Code, has" with "Code or has" and in paragraph (b)(2), by  
1844 replacing "in possession" with "in the possession".

1845 (3) Code Section 50-36-4, relating to submission of annual immigration compliance report,  
1846 creation of reporting system, contents of reports, and annual review, in paragraph (d)(7), by  
1847 replacing "42-4-11.4, 42-4-11.5," with "42-1-11.4, 42-1-11.5,".

1848

**SECTION 51.**

1849 Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in:

1850 (1) Code Section 51-1-22.1, relating to liability of an operator of a vessel under certain  
1851 conditions, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "\$1,000,000.00" with "\$1 million".

1852

**SECTION 52.**

1853 Reserved.

1854

**SECTION 53.**

1855 Reserved.

1856

**SECTION 54.**

1857 (a) In accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 28-9-5, the following portions  
1858 included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state by  
1859 LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised volumes thereof, are hereby

1860 reenacted, and such reenactment shall have the effect of adopting and giving force and effect  
1861 of law to the following portions as contained in such supplements and volumes:

1862 (1) Statutory text; and

1863 (2) Arrangement and numbering system, including, but not limited to, title, chapter, article,  
1864 part, subpart, Code section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, division, and subdivision  
1865 numbers and designations.

1866 (b) The following portions included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published  
1867 under authority of the state by LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised  
1868 volumes thereof, are specifically not enacted or reenacted, have no binding authority, bear  
1869 no weight or effect, and shall not be construed to have the imprimatur of the General  
1870 Assembly or the State of Georgia:

1871 (1) Case annotations;

1872 (2) Research references, including, but not limited to:

1873 (A) Law reviews;

1874 (B) Collateral references to secondary sources;

1875 (C) Opinions of the Georgia Attorney General;

1876 (D) Advisory opinions of the State Bar; and

1877 (E) Cross-references;

1878 (3) Captions;

1879 (4) Catchlines;

1880 (5) Headings;

1881 (6) Title and chapter analyses;

1882 (7) History lines;

1883 (8) Repeal lines;

1884 (9) Editorial notes;

1885 (10) Amendment notes;

1886 (11) Code Commission notes;

- 1887 (12) Effective date notes;  
1888 (13) Tables;  
1889 (14) User's Guide;  
1890 (15) General Index;  
1891 (16) Volume indices;  
1892 (17) Indices related to local and special laws;  
1893 (18) Conversion tables;  
1894 (19) The United States Constitution;  
1895 (20) The Georgia Constitution;  
1896 (21) Rules and regulations of state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or other  
1897 entities;  
1898 (22) Material in brackets or parentheses and editorial, delayed effective date, effect of  
1899 amendment, or other similar notes within the text of a Code section which have been added  
1900 by the publisher in order to explain or to prevent a misapprehension concerning the  
1901 contents of the Code section; and  
1902 (23) Any other matter published in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which is not  
1903 included in subsection (a) of this section.  
1904 (c) The reenactment of the portions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by  
1905 subsection (a) of this section shall not affect, supersede, or repeal any Act of the General  
1906 Assembly, or portion thereof, which is not contained in the Official Code of Georgia  
1907 Annotated and which was not repealed by Code Section 1-1-10, specifically including those  
1908 Acts which have not yet been included in the text of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated  
1909 because of effective dates which extend beyond the effective date of the Code or the  
1910 publication date of the Code or its supplements. This subsection shall not apply to any Act  
1911 or portion thereof which was superseded due to conflict as provided by subsection (b) of  
1912 Code Section 28-9-5.

1913 (d) The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and in the other Acts  
1914 enacted at the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia shall supersede the  
1915 provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ratified and reenacted by subsection (a)  
1916 of this section.

1917 (e) In the event of a conflict between a provision in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and  
1918 a provision of another Act enacted at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly, the  
1919 provision of such other Act shall control over the conflicting provision in Sections 1  
1920 through 53 of this Act to the extent of such conflict.

1921

**SECTION 55.**

1922 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.