

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to HB 878:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to provide remedies for the imposition of excessive regulatory fees by a county or municipal government; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 48-13-9.1 to read as follows:

"48-13-9.1.

A civil action to enforce the limitation on regulatory fees set out in Code Section 48-13-9 may be filed after the exhaustion of administrative remedies. The prevailing party in such an action shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2003.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.