

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 737:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 9-15-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to litigation costs and attorney's fees assessed for frivolous actions and defenses, so as to provide that attorney's fees and expenses of litigation awarded under this Code section in a prior action shall be treated as court costs with regard to the filing of any subsequent action; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 9-15-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to litigation costs and attorney's fees assessed for frivolous actions and defenses, is amended by striking subsection (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

"(g) ~~Reserved.~~ Attorney's fees and expenses of litigation awarded under this Code section in a prior action between the same parties shall be treated as court costs with regard to the filing of any subsequent action."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.