

House Bill 533

By: Representatives Royal of the 140th, Sims of the 130th and Borders of the 142nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 computer software, so as to clarify that computer software does not include programs or
3 routines that are not intended to be purchased separately from certain computer equipment;
4 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 48-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computer
8 software, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in its place a new subsection
9 (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'computer software' means any program or
11 routine, or any set of one or more programs or routines, which are used or intended for use
12 to cause one or more computers or pieces of computer related peripheral equipment, or any
13 combination thereof, to perform a task or set of tasks. Without limiting the generality of
14 the foregoing, the term 'computer software' shall include operating and application
15 programs and all related documentation. The term 'computer software' shall not include
16 any programs or routines which are not intended to be purchased separately from the
17 computer or pieces of computer related peripheral equipment on an unmounted or
18 uninstalled medium."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.