

House Bill 352 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-1-19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 grounds for refusing to grant or revoking licenses, so as to provide that complainants shall
3 be notified of the status and disposition of complaints filed against licensees of professional
4 licensing boards; to amend Code Section 43-5-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
5 relating to penalties for violations related to athletic trainers, so as to provide penalties for
6 licensing violations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 43-1-19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grounds for
11 refusing to grant or revoking licenses, is amended by adding a new paragraph (5) to
12 subsection (h) to read as follows:

13 "(5) When a member of the public files a complaint with a professional licensing board
14 or the division director against a licensee, within 30 days after the conclusion of the
15 investigation of such complaint, the professional licensing board or the division director
16 shall notify the complainant of the disposition of such complaint. Such notification shall
17 include whether any action was taken by the board with regard to such complaint and the
18 nature of such action. In addition, the division director and the board shall upon request
19 by the complainant advise the complainant as to the status of the complaint during the
20 period of time that such complaint is pending."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Code Section 43-5-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for
23 violations related to athletic trainers, is amended by striking the Code section in its entirety
24 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 43-5-14 to read as follows:

1 "43-5-14.

2 Any person who violates ~~this chapter~~ Code Section 43-5-7 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
3 of a high and aggravated nature."

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
6 without such approval.

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.