

House Bill 1707

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,  
2 so as to create provisions making Georgia an attractive location for businesses to prosper; to  
3 provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to change provisions relating to  
4 the additional duties and powers of the Board of Industry, Trade, and Tourism; to provide  
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Business Equity Act of 2004."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 The General Assembly finds and declares that sound business investment and development  
11 in this state is critical and that it is important to create an atmosphere that encourages  
12 businesses and others to locate in this state. It is important to the financial well being of the  
13 state of Georgia to create laws which provide an inviting and appropriate atmosphere in  
14 which individuals and companies can start and carry on business and economic activities in  
15 this state with a sense that each individual or company will be responsible for its own  
16 activities, obligations, and liabilities.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
19 in Code Section 50-7-8, relating to additional duties and powers of the Board of Industry,  
20 Trade, and Tourism, by striking "and" from the end of paragraph (10), by striking the period  
21 at the end of paragraph (11) and inserting in its place "; and", and by inserting a new  
22 paragraph to read as follows:

