

House Bill 150

By: Representatives Franklin of the 43rd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Willard of the 49th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 powers of the Georgia Supreme Court, so as to provide that the Supreme Court shall permit
3 any person who has graduated from a law school, regardless of whether such law school is
4 accredited or approved by the American Bar Association or the Georgia Board of Bar
5 Examiners, to take the state bar examination if such person meets all other qualifications to
6 take such examination; 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 15-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers of the
11 Georgia Supreme Court, is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting in lieu thereof
12 a new paragraph (5) to read as follows:

13 "(5) To establish, amend, and alter its own rules of practice and to regulate the admission
14 of attorneys to the practice of law; provided, however, that any person who has graduated
15 from a law school, regardless of whether such law school is accredited or approved by
16 the American Bar Association or the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners, and who meets
17 all of the other qualifications established by the Supreme Court to take the examination
18 for admission to the state bar and the practice of law shall be allowed to take such
19 examination;".

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.