

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to conduct and argument of counsel, so as to permit certain argument to the jury; to
3 provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
4 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fully Informed Jury Act of 2013."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 conduct and argument of counsel, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
11 follows:

12 "17-8-77.

13 In a criminal jury trial, the court shall permit the defendant or his or her counsel to argue
14 for jury nullification in its role as the judges of the law and the facts pursuant to Article I,
15 Section I, Paragraph XI of the Constitution."

16 **SECTION 3.**

17 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
18 without such approval and shall apply to offenses which occur on or after that date.

19 **SECTION 4.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.