

Senate Bill 209

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Murphy of the 27th, Davis of the 22nd, Mullis of the 53rd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 electronic transactions, so as to provide that no individual, company, or other entity shall be
3 prohibited from making available, designing, creating, publishing, assembling, completing,
4 distributing, displaying, or selling self-help documents, information, and automated forms
5 in hard copy, electronically, or online, whether made available with or without a fee,
6 provided that the storefront, website, or other medium from which the items are provided
7 states that the items are not a substitute for the advice of a professional in the relevant
8 industry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
9 laws; and for other purposes.

10 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Chapter 12 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electronic
13 transactions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "10-12-14.1.

15 Unless such actions are in violation of criminal law, no individual, company, or other entity
16 shall be prohibited from making available, designing, creating, publishing, assembling,
17 completing, distributing, displaying, or selling self-help documents, information, and
18 automated forms in hard copy, electronically, or online, whether made available with or
19 without a fee, provided that the storefront, website, or other medium from which the items
20 are provided states that the items are not a substitute for the advice of a professional in the
21 relevant industry."

22 **SECTION 2.**

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

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.