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House Bill 889

By: Representatives Weldon of the 3rd, Welch of the 110th, Caldwell of the 131st, Rutledge of the 109th, Willard of the 51st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to the regulation of the practice of law, so as to provide for a civil action for
- 3 damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

- 5 SECTION 1.
- 6 Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 7 regulation of the practice of law, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 "15-19-59.
- Any person damaged by a violation of this article or a violation of the Supreme Court's
- rules or opinions governing the unlicensed practice of law shall be entitled to maintain a
- 12 <u>civil action to recover damages and reasonable attorney's fees."</u>
- 13 SECTION 2.
- 14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.