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FOREWORD

We are pleased to present to you the Summary of General Statutes Enacted at the 2013 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia. This represents one of the services which the Legislative Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Counsel perform for the legislative branch of government. Other services include bill drafting, research, statutory and Code revision, rendering of opinions, counseling, legislative reference, interim committee staffing, and preparation of reports.

This document contains a summary of the general statutes of state-wide application which were enacted at the 2013 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia. No resolutions, local Acts, or uncodified "population Acts" have been included. The document also includes a table of Code sections amended and enacted at the 2013 session.

It would be impractical to minutely analyze each statute, because to do so would defeat the main purpose which we hope that this document accomplishes. It is intended to be used as a convenient reference for persons desiring to know which laws were enacted or desiring to ascertain the main features of each Act without the necessity of reading the Act in its entirety.

It should be pointed out that for specific, detailed information on any particular law, the Act itself should be examined. Acts may be readily located in the Georgia Laws by Act number, since the Acts are published in the Georgia Laws in numerical order by Act number. In addition, the Georgia Laws contain a table for converting Act numbers to Georgia Laws page numbers.

This summary is not to be deemed in any manner as an opinion from the Office of Legislative Counsel, and the question of constitutionality has not been considered with respect to any Act.

We hope that this document will benefit all who have occasion to use it. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcomed and should be directed to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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The Acts in this summary are arranged according to the title of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which they amend. In those cases in which an Act amends more than one Code title, the Act appears under only one of the affected titles. A table of titles appears below. No Acts are listed for those titles which are indicated by an asterisk.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013 SESSION SUMMARY

HOUSE BILLS	Introduced	Passed	Pending	Hoppers	Prefiled Not Intro.	Unfav. Rept. Lost	Signed/Vetoed by Governor
	695	265	411	2	16	1	261/4
Generals Passed	131						
Locals Passed	<u>134</u>						
	<u>265</u>						Sent to the Governor for approval: 265
Pending / Carry-Overs:							
House	367						
Senate	42						
Further Action	1						
Conf. Committee	<u>1</u>						
	<u>411</u>						
Hoppers	2						
Prefiled-Not Intro.	16						
Unfav. Rept./Lost	<u>1</u>						
	<u>695</u>						

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS	Introduced	Passed	Pending	Hoppers	Prefiled Not Intro.	Unfav. Rept. Lost	Signed/Vetoed by Governor
	1038	936	99	3	0	0	7/0
Generals [8] & Other							
Non-Priv. Adopted [27]	35						
Locals Adopted	0						
Constitutional Ams.	0						
Privileged Adopted	<u>901</u>						
	<u>936</u>						Sent to the Governor for approval: 8
Pending / Carry-Overs:							
House	98						
Senate	1						
Conf. Committee	<u>0</u>						
	<u>99</u>						
Hoppers	3						
Prefiled-Not Intro.	0						
Unfav. Rept./Lost	<u>0</u>						
	<u>1038</u>						

SENATE BILLS	Introduced	Passed	Pending	Hoppers	Prefiled Not Intro.	Unfav. Rept. Lost	Signed/Vetoed by Governor
	279	72	204	0	2	1	71/1
Generals Passed	53						
Locals Passed	<u>19</u>						
	<u>72</u>						Sent to Governor for approval: 72
Pending / Carry-Overs:							
Senate	165						
House	36						
Further Action	2						
Conf. Committee	<u>1</u>						
	<u>204</u>						
Prefiled/Hoppers.	2						
Unfav. Rept./Lost	<u>1</u>						
	<u>279</u>						

<u>SENATE RESOLUTIONS</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Hoppers</u>	<u>Prefiled Not Intro.</u>	<u>Unfav. Rept. Lost</u>	<u>Signed/Vetoed by Governor</u>
	731	684	47	0	0	0	3/0
Generals [3] & Other							
Non-Priv. Adopted [23]	26						
Constitutional Ams.	0						
Privileged Adopted	<u>658</u>						
	<u>684</u>						
							Sent to Governor for approval: 3
Pending / Carry-Overs:							
House	5						
Senate	42						
Further Action	<u>0</u>						
	<u>47</u>						
Prefiled/Hoppers	0						
Unfav. Rept/Lost	<u>0</u>						
	<u>731</u>						

<u>TOTAL BILLS</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Hoppers</u>	<u>Prefiled Not Intro.</u>	<u>Unfav. Rept. Lost</u>	<u>Signed/Vetoed by Governor</u>
HOUSE	695	265	411	2	16	1	261/4
SENATE	<u>279</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>71/1</u>
TOTAL	974	337	615	2	18	2	332/5

<u>TOTAL RESOLUTIONS</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Hoppers</u>	<u>Prefiled Not Intro.</u>	<u>Unfav. Rept. Lost</u>	<u>Signed/Vetoed by Governor</u>
HOUSE	1038	936	99	3	0	0	3/0
SENATE	<u>731</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7/0</u>
TOTAL	1769	1620	146	3	0	0	10/0

**TITLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Act 33; HB 79

This Act makes extensive editorial amendments to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to correct typographical, stylistic, capitalization, punctuation, and other errors and omissions and reenacts the statutory portion of the Code as so amended.

Effective April 24, 2013; except for certain provisions which are effective on various dates contained in the Act.

**TITLE 2
AGRICULTURE**

Act 16; SB 97

This Act establishes the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef and provides for its membership, powers, and operation.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 2-8-13 and 2-8-14 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 2-8-23.1.

Effective April 17, 2013.

Act 21; HB 298

This Act establishes the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Georgia Grown Products and provides for its membership, powers, and operation. Marketing expenses will be funded through an assessment levied on the use of the Georgia grown trademark. The Act also increases the membership of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 2-8-10 and 2-8-14 and enacts Article 4 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 2-8.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 210; SB 91

This Act expands the availability of low-interest loans for farmers under the Emerging Crops Fund Act by broadening the types of crops and related production costs that are eligible for the program.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 2-8A.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 262; HB 268

This Act imposes a fee on the license and raises the maximum amount of the surety bond that dealers in agricultural products are required to obtain. The maximum amount of surety bonds for grain dealers is also increased. Egg dealers are no longer considered dealers in agricultural products and those persons to be considered grain dealers are no longer limited to dealers of those grains specifically enumerated. The Act also repeals Chapter 31 of Title 43, requiring the licensing and registration of pecan dealers and processors with the probate court.

TITLE 2 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 2-9-1, 2-9-4, 2-9-5, 2-9-15, 2-9-30, and 2-9-34, and repeals O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-31.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 209; SB 87

This Act repeals the roadside markets incentive program.
The Act repeals Article 4 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 2-10.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Act 245; HB 124

This Act provides that an election in which the votes cast are for disapproval of Sunday package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits shall not nullify the prior election results for approval of Sunday package sales by retailers of malt beverages and wine.

This Act also changes the definition of the term "retailer" and adds a definition of the term "retail package liquor store."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 3-1-2 and 3-3-7.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 294; HB 517

This Act provides that a county or municipality may allow, by resolution or ordinance, a grocery store licensed for the retail sale of only wine and malt beverages for consumption off the premises to sell wine or malt beverages within 100 yards of any college campus. The Act defines the term "grocery store" as a retail establishment which has at least 85 percent of its total retail floor space reserved for the sale of food and other nonalcoholic items, conducts all of its sales inside the building containing its retail floor space, and meets such other criteria as may be required by the local governing authority of the county or municipality.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 3-3-21.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 190; HB 99

This Act changes the amount of malt beverages that may be produced by a person in his or her private residence. The Act authorizes and places certain conditions on the transportation and delivery of malt beverages produced in a private residence for use at home-brew special events. The Act provides for the adoption of ordinances or resolutions by local governing authorities governing home-brew special events. The Act prohibits the sale of malt beverages produced in a private residence and places certain limitations on the consumption of such malt beverages. The Act provides that a sealed container of malt beverages produced in a private residence shall not constitute an open alcoholic beverage container.

TITLE 3 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 3-5-4 and 40-6-253.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 5 APPEAL

Act 225; SB 204

This Act provides that direct appeals of judgments or orders in child custody cases are to be limited to those awarding, refusing to change, or modifying child custody and those holding or declining to hold persons in contempt of the child custody judgments or orders.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 5-6-34.
Effective May 6, 2013.

TITLE 7 BANKING AND FINANCE

Act 197; HB 83

This Act exempts licensed real estate brokers and salespersons assisting in a short sale real estate transaction from mortgage broker licensing requirements.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 7-1-1001.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 9 CIVIL PRACTICE

Act 182; SB 113

This Act modifies provisions relating to personal service of a summons on a corporation, including a foreign corporation, so as to include service on a registered agent. The Act provides a definition for managing agent for purposes of personal service.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 9-11-4.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 271; HB 336

This Act creates requirements for a presuit offer of settlement made by an attorney in a tort claim for serious injury or death from the use of a motor vehicle.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 9-11-67.1.
Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 10
COMMERCE AND TRADE**

Act 188; HB 150

This Act prohibits certain persons from collecting a fee for removing certain individuals' arrest booking photographs from a website. The Act changes provisions relating to prohibited telemarketing and Internet activities. The Act changes provisions relating to acts exempt from Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-1-393.5 and 10-1-396.
Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 172; SB 61

This Act amends the Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act by changing the due date for monthly rental payments, providing procedures for sending notices of default, and providing publication of notices of public sale of property. The Act provides for limitations on self-storage facilities owners' liability and provides for the towing of motor vehicles, trailers, and watercraft in relation to self-service storage facilities. The Act exempts certain self-storage rental agreements from applicability.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-4-210, 10-4-211, 10-4-212, 10-4-213, 10-4-214, and 10-4-215.
Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 11
COMMERCIAL CODE**

Act 339; HB 289

This Act clarifies the relationship between state law provisions relating to funds transfers and the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act. Transactions that are remittance transfers, but not electronic fund transfers, as defined under the federal law, are to be governed by Article 4 of Chapter 11-4A.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 11-4A-108.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 223; SB 185

This Act updates and modernizes numerous provisions relating to secured transactions, including control of electronic chattel paper, effect on certain security interests following changes in law, priority of certain types of interest, restrictions on assignment of promissory notes, effectiveness of records of mortgage as financing statements, effectiveness and operation of filing statements, collection and enforcement, and remedies.

The Act amends Article 9 of O.C.G.A. Title 11 and O.C.G.A. Section 33-10-1.
Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 12
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Act 90; HB 381

This Act provides that the board of directors of any nonprofit corporation created by the Department of Natural Resources shall include at least three members of the Board of Natural Resources as nonvoting members.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-2-6.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 201; HB 189

This Act requires the Department of Natural Resources to give 60 days' prior notice to the local governing authority before making certain changes to services offered at state parks, historic sites, or recreational areas situated within the local governing authority's jurisdiction. The Act also authorizes the fee simple transfer of city park property to institutions to be used in connection with federal National Historic Site properties in exchange for fee simple title to property of equal or greater acreage to be designated as a public park.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-37-6 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 12-3-12.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 131; SB 194

This Act requires the Department of Natural Resources to approve any applications for restoration of agricultural structures promoting Georgia tourist destinations that are received under its authority.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-3-50.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 250; HB 177

This Act changes the membership of the Oconee River Greenway Authority by allowing counties within the geographic jurisdiction of the authority to appoint no more than four residents to the authority.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-3-402.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 183; SB 156

This Act exempts certain excavations incidental to forestry land management from being considered surface mining activity.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-4-72.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 12 (continued)

Veto No. 5; SB 11

This Act reestablishes the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council and provides for its membership, responsibilities, and powers.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-9.

Act 279; HB 402

This Act authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to issue letters of permission allowing temporary activities to be conducted in areas subject to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970 or the Shore Protection Act if certain conditions are met. No permits will be required for activities conducted pursuant to a letter of permission.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-5-232, 12-5-234, 12-5-237, 12-5-282, 12-5-284, and 12-5-286.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 175; SB 81

This Act shortens the legal season for harvesting ginseng.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-6-152.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 123; HB 226

This Act requires that transporters of used or scrap tires obtain a permit and vehicle decal from the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, with certain exceptions. The Act also reduces the number of scrap tires that may be stored unless certain exceptions apply and alters the bond amount required as a condition of related permits. Limited enforcement authority is given to local code enforcement officials.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-2-2, 12-8-22, 12-8-23, 12-8-27.1, 12-8-30.8, and 12-8-40.1.

Effective April 30, 2013.

Act 34; HB 320

This Act exempts inert waste landfills from additional agency regulation if in compliance with previous regulatory requirements.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-2-2, 12-8-24, and 12-8-27.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 270; HB 276

This Act extends the sunset dates for various waste fees and provides for the gradual reduction of fee collection if certain minimum appropriations are not made to the hazardous waste trust fund and solid waste trust fund.

TITLE 12 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-8-39, 12-8-40.1, 12-8-95, and 12-8-95.1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 45-12-92.2.

Effective May 7, 2013.

TITLE 13 CONTRACTS

Act 13; SB 139

This Act provides for the collection of a closing fee at the time of making a loan or extending credit in order to defray the costs of investigation and verification of a borrower's or purchaser's credit reports and references. The Act limits the loans and contracts for which such closing fee may be collected. The Act also provides that such closing fee shall not constitute interest, a time price differential, a finance charge, or a service charge. The Act further provides for a licensing exemption for the selling and issuing of checks by state and federal entities and authorized agents.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 7-1-681 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-14.

Effective April 9, 2013.

Act 194; SB 179

This Act provides for certain contracting and bidding requirements for governmental entities and the Department of Administrative Services relative to public works construction contracts and exemptions to such requirements. The Act provides that if a sealed competitive proposal for a public works contract is requested and price or project cost is not a selection or evaluation factor, then no bid bond shall be required unless the bid bond is provided for in the request for proposal and the amount of such bond is specified. The Act authorizes the inclusion of both liquidated damages provisions for late construction project completion and incentive provisions for early construction project completion in public works construction contracts.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 13-10-3, 13-10-62, 36-91-92, and 50-5-72 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 13-10-20, 13-10-70, 36-91-23, and 36-91-41.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 30; SB 168

This Act provides that in awarding contracts for public works based upon sealed competitive bids or sealed competitive proposals, no bidder shall be disqualified from a bid or proposal or denied prequalification based on lack of previous experience with a job of the size for which the bid or proposal is being sought, if: (1) the bid or proposal is not more than 30 percent greater in scope or cost from the bidder's previous experience in jobs, (2) the bidder has experience in performing the work for which bids or proposals are sought, and (3) the bidder is capable of being bonded for a bid bond, a performance bond, and a payment bond as required for the scope of the work for which the bid or proposal is being sought.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 13-10-4 and 36-91-23.

Effective May 24, 2013.

TITLE 13 (continued)

Act 330; HB 234

This Act requires sellers to provide notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts. The Act also requires that notice be provided to a consumer prior to the automatic renewal of a service contract. The Act further provides for definitions and exemptions.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 13-12-1 through 13-12-5.

Effective July 1, 2013, and applicable only to contracts entered into on or after that date.

TITLE 15 COURTS

Act 177; HB 451

This Act provides for an additional judge of the superior court for the Chattahoochee and Oconee judicial circuits, changes the terms of court for the Griffin circuit, and provides for the selection process for the chief judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-6-2 and 15-6-3 and Ga. L. 2000, p. 205.

Effective January 1, 2014, except that the ability to appoint the initial judgeships is effective May 6, 2013, and the chief judge change in the Chattahoochee circuit is effective July 1, 2013.

Act 173; SB 66

This Act increases the penalty that can be imposed for contempt in superior and state courts. The Act clarifies that verification of answers and counterclaims is not required for magistrate court.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-6-8, 15-7-4, 15-10-43, and 15-10-45.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 176; SB 120

This Act provides for prosecuting attorneys in probate courts in counties where there are no state courts and provides for their qualifications, appointment, compensation, and duties.

The Act enacts Article 8 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 15-9.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 127; HB 242

This Act substantially revises, reorganizes, supersedes, and modernizes the Juvenile Code and enacts recommendations from the Governor's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform for Georgia. Part I of this Act is the new Juvenile Code which includes the use of assessment tools, revised designated felonies, and the prohibition of secure confinement under certain circumstances. Part II of this Act changes provisions relating to the placement of juvenile offenders in penal institutions. Part III of this Act changes provisions relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Part IV of this Act conforms and corrects cross-references due to the changes made in other parts of the Act.

TITLE 15 (continued)

The Act repeals O.C.G.A. Chapter 15-11 and enacts a new O.C.G.A. Chapter 15-11. The Act amends various other provisions of the O.C.G.A.

Effective January 1, 2014, and applicable to all offenses committed on or after such date, and prior adjudications for the purpose of imposing a disposition shall be counted for purposes of applying penalties for subsequent adjudications.

Act 28; HB 182

This Act allows an associate juvenile court judge to serve as a judge pro tempore when a juvenile court judge is disqualified, ill, or absent.

The Act amends newly enacted O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-62.

Effective January 1, 2014.

Act 248; HB 161

This Act changes the oath administered to all bailiffs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-12-140.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 202; HB 139

This Act changes the general qualifications required for sheriffs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-16-1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 211; SB 96

This Act prohibits a full-time solicitor-general or full-time employee of state courts to engage in the practice of law but allows part-time solicitor generals or part-time assistant solicitor-generals to practice law under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-18-63.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 229; SB 231

This Act extends the sunset provision for fines for funding the Georgia Driver's Education Commission and driver education and training in Georgia and lowers the percentage of surcharge. The Act also requires the commission to annually report the funds collected and the use of such funds.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-21-179 and 15-21-181.

Effective May 6, 2013.

**TITLE 16
CRIMES AND OFFENSES**

Act 84; HB 349

This Act enacts criminal justice reforms including recommendations from the Governor's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform in Georgia. The Act provides the state with more direct appeal rights and expands provisions relating to child hearsay involving the description of sexual contact or physical abuse. The Act allows for sentencing options below the mandatory minimum punishment for trafficking in certain drugs and serious violent offenses under certain circumstances. The Act clarifies provisions relating to a defendant's knowledge concerning the weight of drugs. The Act allows accountability courts to change a defendant's driving privileges when he or she is enrolled in certain court programs. The Act allows incarcerated individuals to use HOPE GED vouchers after release from incarceration. The Act clarifies provisions relating to record restriction of criminal history information regarding arrests prior to July 1, 2013. The Act defines terms applicable to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles issuing medical reprieves to certain incapacitated persons. The Act corrects cross-references.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 5-7-1, 5-7-2, 16-13-31, 16-13-31.1, 17-10-1, 17-10-6.1, 17-10-6.2, 17-10-7, 20-3-519.6, 24-8-820, 35-3-37, 40-5-75, 42-1-1, 42-8-35, 42-9-43, and 49-5-183.1.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 5-7-6, 16-13-54.1, and 40-5-76 and O.C.G.A. Chapter 17-19. Effective July 1, 2013, and applies to offenses which occur on or after that date.

Act 191; HB 141

This Act requires certain businesses and establishments to post a model notice so as to enable persons who have been the subject of human trafficking to obtain help and services. The Act requires the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to develop the model notice, provides for penalties, and provides for an automatic repealer.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 16-5-47.
Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 207; SB 86

This Act provides for definitions for family violence orders, separating them into civil and criminal orders, and allows a warrantless arrest for a violation of criminal family violence orders.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-5-95, 17-4-20, and 17-6-1.
Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 334; SB 170

This Act clarifies identity fraud so as to include medical identity fraud.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-9-120.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 16 (continued)

Act 199; HB 126

This Act provides for the offense of obstructing a park ranger and provides for penalties. The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 16-10-24.4. Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 2; HB 55

This Act changes provisions relating to interception of wire or oral transmissions and orders allowing installation and use of pen registers and trap and trace devices so that such warrants may have state-wide application.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-11-64 and 16-11-64.1. Effective February 13, 2013.

Act 206; HB 156

This Act makes it unlawful for a person having custody or control of a child to allow such child to be used to commit illegal sexual acts involving computers or electronic devices by, with, or against such child. The Act modernizes provisions relating to sexual conduct and technology and allows certain acts commonly referred to as "sexting" to have reduced punishment under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, 16-12-100.2, and 16-12-105. Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 261; HB 256

This Act provides for the regulation of cigar wraps. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-170. Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 7; HB 57

This Act makes changes to the list of Schedule I controlled substances so as to provide further restrictions on substances used to create synthetic marijuana.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-13-25. Effective February 26, 2013.

Act 20; HB 302

This Act makes changes to the list of Schedule I and Schedule III controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-13-25, 16-13-27, and 16-13-71. Effective April 18, 2013.

TITLE 16 (continued)

Act 251; HB 187

This Act changes the date of the incorporation of local ordinances on drug-free commercial zones to the Department of Community Affairs register by reference.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-13-32.6.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 17

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Act 179; HB 146

This Act allows judges to issue valid arrest and search warrants by video conference from any location within this state. The Act also substantially revises the procedure for bonds for good behavior.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 17-4-47 and 17-5-21.1 and Part 1 of Article 4 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 17-6.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 342; SB 225

This Act allows a surety to be relieved of liability under certain circumstances and shortens the time frame for placing a detainer or hold request on a principal.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 17-6-72.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 291; HB 480

This Act allows victim assistance personnel to be present in the courtroom when a person under the age of 16 is testifying concerning a sexual offense.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 17-8-54.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 18

DEBTOR AND CREDITOR RELATIONS

Act 328; SB 105

This Act amends the Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act by clarifying provisions related to transfers to charitable organizations and providing for a statute of limitations. The Act revises the debtor's exemption for motor vehicles in a bankruptcy.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 44-13-100 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 18-2-81.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 19
DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Act 337; HB 21

This Act authorizes postadoption contact agreements and establishes the procedure for the creation of such agreement. The Act provides for postadoption contact with a birth relative.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 19-8-27.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 224; SB 193

This Act modifies the "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act" so as to provide for the recognition of a foreign support order for a child, spouse, or former spouse under certain circumstances.

The Act amends Article 3 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 19-11.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 20
EDUCATION

Act 32; HB 354

This Act replaces variations of the term "day-care center" with "child care learning center" throughout the Code. The Act requires the Department of Early Care and Learning to provide liability insurance coverage information to early care and learning programs and to administer certain programs. The Act provides for notice and opportunity for a hearing in contested cases involving early care and learning programs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-12-1.1, 20-1A-2, 20-1A-3, 20-1A-4, 20-1A-9, 20-1A-10, 20-1A-30, 20-1A-61, 20-2-771, 25-2-13, 31-41-3, 33-2-8.1, 36-87-2, 42-1-12, 42-1-17, 45-18-70, 49-5-12, and 49-5-13 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-10.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 126; HB 350

This Act requires a fingerprint records check to be performed on all new directors and employees of early care and learning centers by January 1, 2014. The Act requires a fingerprint records check to be obtained on all individuals who reside in family day-care homes. The Act requires current employees and directors of such centers to obtain fingerprint records checks by January 1, 2017, and at least every five years thereafter. The Act authorizes the license revocation of an early care and learning center for the employment of individuals who fail the records check and work at the center while children are present.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-12-1.1, 20-1A-30, 20-1A-32 through 20-1A-35, 20-1A-37 through 20-1A-40, and 20-1A-43.

Effective January 1, 2014.

TITLE 20 (continued)

Act 246; HB 116

This Act authorizes the State Board of Education to transfer donations, gifts, and other property held in trust to the Georgia Foundation for Public Education for management and administration.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-14 and 20-2-14.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 335; HB 283

This Act provides that a local board of education member who does not comply with required submissions under the Voting Rights Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and prohibits the use of public funds for the defense of such person. The Act replaces the term "vocational laboratory program" with "career, technical, and agricultural education laboratory program" throughout the Code. The Act revises funding and program weights for the Quality Basic Education Formula, charter system earnings for full-time students, and salaries of personnel. The Act authorizes the creation of a grant program to expand digital learning opportunities. The Act revises required documentation for proof of attendance in home study programs. The Act revises several requirements for local charter schools and qualification for a charter. The Act revises provisions related to student scholarship organizations and qualification for education tax credits.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-60, 20-2-84, 20-2-84.1, 20-2-151, 20-2-154.1, 20-2-160, 20-2-161, 20-2-165.1, 20-2-171, 20-2-181, 20-2-182, 20-2-184.1, 20-2-186, 20-2-211, 20-2-211.1, 20-2-214.1, 20-2-230, 20-2-259, 20-2-319.3, 20-2-326, 20-2-690, 20-2-1000, 20-2-1001, 20-2-2062, 20-2-2064, 20-2-2065, 20-2-2066, 20-2-2067.1, 20-2-2068, 20-2-2068.2, 20-2A-1, 20-2A-2, 20-2A-3, and 48-7-29.16; enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-75, 20-2-263, and 20-14-26.1; and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-110.

Effective July 1, 2013, except for portions related to student scholarship organizations and qualified education tax credits which became effective May 7, 2013 and are applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

Act 244; HB 115

This Act revises provisions relating to the suspension and removal of local school board members upon the potential loss of accreditation and prohibits the use of public funds for legal fees and expenses arising out of certain actions. The Act revises the qualifications for an "eligible high school" for purposes of HOPE scholarships and grants.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-73 and 20-3-519.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 36; SB 115

This Act provides that instead of student performance data and other data related to statutory accountability programs for students in certain placements and facilities being included in the performance data of the school system where the facility is located, that such facilities will be treated as a single local education agency. The Act further provides, however, that this provision does not alleviate any responsibilities of the local unit of administration of the school district in which any such children are physically present for the provision of education for any such children.

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The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-133.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 129; SB 212

This Act requires each local board of education which operates a school with grades nine through 12 to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator to its students. The Act requires the Department of Education to establish a procedure to monitor adherence by local boards of education.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-149.1.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 24; HB 131

This Act provides for the treatment of dual credit courses as equivalent to advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses for the purposes of determining eligibility of HOPE scholarships.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-157.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 336; HB 244

This Act requires the development and reporting of annual performance evaluations for teachers, assistant principals, and principals by local school systems and charter schools. The Act provides for the use of annual performance evaluations for the establishment of salary schedules in certain instances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-200, 20-2-210, 20-2-211, 20-2-212, and 20-2-989.7.
Effective July 1, 2014.

Act 25; HB 284

This Act enacts the "Return to Play Act of 2013" which requires public and private schools to provide information to parents about the nature and risk of concussion and head injury and provide for the endorsement of concussion recognition education courses by the Department of Public Health.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-324.1.
Effective January 1, 2014.

Act 326; HB 337

This Act authorizes public and private schools to stock a supply of auto-injectable epinephrine, allows for trained school employees to administer such medication in the event of anaphylactic shock, and allows for the prescription of such medication to schools by certain medical professionals.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-776.2 and 26-4-116.1.
Effective May 7, 2013.

TITLE 20 (continued)

Act 237; HB 70

This Act allows for an expedited Individualized Education Program and waiver of certain requirements for scholarships for special needs students at the direction of the State Board of Education. The Act provides for application deadlines and deadlines for scholarship payments to parents.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-2114 and 20-2-2116.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 331; SB 82

This Act changes designations in various Code sections from North Georgia College to the University of North Georgia. The Act also designates the University of North Georgia as the senior military college of Georgia.

The Act amends Subparts 5A, 6, and 6A of Part 3 of Article 6 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-3.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 184; HB 287

This Act reassigns the Division of Archives and History from the Office of the Secretary of State to the University System of Georgia and changes certain provisions relating to the management of the records.

The Act redesignates and amends O.C.G.A. Sections 45-13-40, 45-13-41, 45-13-46, 45-13-51, 45-13-55, 45-13-56, and 45-13-80 through 45-13-85; enacts Code Sections 20-3-41 through 20-3-41.3, 20-3-45 and 20-3-45.1, 20-3-47 through 20-3-47.5; amends O.C.G.A. Sections 9-11-29.1, 15-6-62.1, 17-10-6.3, 33-2-7, 45-11-1, 50-18-91, 50-18-92, and 50-18-99; and repeals O.C.G.A. Sections 45-13-42 through 45-13-45 and 45-13-47 through 45-13-50.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 38; HB 372

This Act revises the eligibility requirement for the HOPE grant at a technical college or university institution from a 3.0 cumulative grade point average to a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-519.5.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 212; SB 100

This Act reestablishes the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission and provides for its membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission.

The Act enacts Part 9 of Article 2 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-14.
Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 21
ELECTIONS**

Act 91; HB 87

This Act authorizes the use of the boundaries of a restricted access residential community as the boundaries of a precinct. The Act requires that detailed maps and certain other information be maintained and that such communities be open to the public on election days.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 21-2-261.1 and 21-2-266.

Effective April 30, 2013.

Act 35; HB 143

This Act makes provisions relating to campaign contribution disclosure reports filed by candidates for public office. The Act expands provisions relating to acceptance of contributions or pledges during legislative sessions. The Act changes provisions relating to financial disclosure statement filings by public officers, filings by candidates for public office, filing by elected officials and members of the General Assembly, electronic filing, and transfer of filings from the Secretary of State to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 21-5-3, 21-5-6, 21-5-34, 21-5-34.1, 21-5-35, and 21-5-50.

Effective January 1, 2014.

Act 134; HB 142

This Act authorizes the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to adopt rules necessary for the Ethics in Government Act. The Act changes provisions relating to public officers' conduct and lobbyist disclosure; campaign disclosure reports; and filing by public officers, candidates for public office, elected officials, and members of the General Assembly. The Act provides for electronic filing, and transfer of filings from the Secretary of State to the commission. The Act provides for lobbyist registration requirements, application for registration, supplemental registration, expiration, docket, fees, identification cards, public rosters, and exemptions. The Act regulates contact between lobbyists and members of the General Assembly and the making or acceptance of certain expenditures. The Act changes certain provisions relating to lobbyist disclosure reports. The Act changes provisions relating to filing of complaints concerning improper conduct by members of the General Assembly.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 21-5-6, 21-5-34, 21-5-50, 21-5-70, 21-5-71, 21-5-73, and 45-10-91.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-72.1.

Effective January 1, 2014.

**TITLE 26
FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS**

Act 31; HB 209

This Act modifies definitions relating to pharmacists and pharmacies. This Act requires pharmacists transferring licenses to take multiple examinations and provides for pharmacist liability for prescriptions. This Act modifies provisions relating to the security of paper used for prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances. This Act modifies the requirements relating to pharmaceutical compounding. This Act authorizes nonresident pharmacy permits.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-13-59, 26-4-5, 26-4-42, 26-4-80, 26-4-80.1, 26-4-86, 26-4-88, 26-4-112, and 26-4-130, and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 26-4-114.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 242; HB 101

This Act modifies the definition of "food service establishment" so that certain events of nonprofit organizations shall be required to obtain a permit unless the event is held on the property of the sponsor or a consenting property owner. This Act authorizes a local government to delegate permitting authority to a local board of health for permits for the operation of nonprofit food sales.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 26-2-370, 26-2-391, and 26-2-393.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 83; HB 132

This Act transfers the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and the Georgia Board of Dentistry from being administratively attached to the Secretary of State to being divisions of the Department of Community Health.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. 26-4-5, 26-4-20, 26-4-21, 26-4-21, 26-4-22, 26-4-23, 26-4-24, 26-4-25, 26-4-26, 26-4-28, 26-4-29, 26-4-43, 26-4-44, 26-4-45, 26-4-49, 26-4-60, 26-4-115, 43-11-1, 43-11-5, 43-11-6, 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-11, 43-11-12, 43-11-13, 43-11-40, 43-11-41, 43-11-43, 43-11-46, 43-11-47, 43-11-48, 43-11-70, 43-11-71.1, and 43-11-73.

The act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 26-4-28.1, 26-4-28.2, and 43-11-2.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 226; SB 216

This Act modifies provisions relating to the use of remote pharmacy orders entered by hospital pharmacies and authorizes the medical director of an emergency service provider to contract with more than one pharmacy as a provider of drugs and consultant services.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 26-4-80 and 26-4-116.

Effective May 6, 2013.

TITLE 26 (continued)

Act 189; HB 179

This Act modifies provisions relating to "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights." This Act specifies when recoupment of the cost of drugs or medicinal supplies may be allowed when a record-keeping error has occurred.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 26-4-118.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 27 GAME AND FISH

Act 186; HB 36

This Act classifies the red drum as a game fish.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 27-1-2.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 133; HB 207

This Act establishes an extended open turkey hunting season for certain mobility impaired individuals and persons under 17 years of age. The Act also allows center-fire firearms of .17 caliber or larger to be used to hunt fox and bobcat.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 27-3-4 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 27-2-4.4.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 264; HB 274

This Act provides for the regulation of and state-level permitting for the practice of falconry.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. 27-2-17.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 247; HB 155

This Act establishes a shooting preserve license to allow fishing and the hunting of pen raised game birds within a licensed shooting preserve. Various provisions regulating shooting preserves are updated and shooting preserves are allowed to provide hunter safety education for visitors. The Act also provides the owner of a water vessel with an automatic three-day resident hunting and fishing license upon registration of the vessel.

The Act amends Article 4 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 27-3 and O.C.G.A. Sections 27-1-2, 27-2-1, 27-2-3.1, and 27-2-23.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 29
GUARDIAN AND WARD**

Act 285; HB 446

This Act provides for a petition for the appointment of a guardian and a petition for the appointment of a conservator to include information regarding any state in which the proposed ward was physically present prior to the filing of such petitions. The Act provides for additional notice requirements when a petition for the appointment of a guardian or conservator has been filed.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 29-4-10, 29-5-10, and 29-9-7.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 218; SB 158

This Act provides for certain signatures on a Physician Order for Life-sustaining Treatment.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 29-4-18.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 30
HANDICAPPED PERSONS**

Act 132; HB 78

This Act expands protection of disabled adults and elder persons. The Act provides for and revises definitions relating to the protection of elder persons, changes provisions relating to cruelty to a person 65 years of age or older, and prohibits abuse, neglect, and exploitation of disabled adults, elder persons, and persons who are residents in long-term care facilities. The Act provides for exceptions to criminal liability for offenses against disabled adults, elder persons, and persons who are residents in long-term care facilities, provides for investigatory powers of district attorneys and the Attorney General for investigations of a violation of Article 8 of Chapter of Title 16, changes provisions relating to using a writing to refresh memory, and expands the right to take a deposition to preserve testimony in criminal proceedings under certain circumstances. The Act applies provisions relating to the protection of elder persons from exploitation to elder persons who are residents in long-term care facilities, expands reporting requirements for persons in need of protective services and for reporting abuse or exploitation in long-term care facilities, includes physician assistants as mandatory reporters, and expands the cooperative development of certain education and training programs relating to abuse and exploitation of persons 65 years of age or older. The Act moves relevant criminal penalties from Title 30 into Title 16 and provides for conforming cross-references.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-9-108, 16-9-109, 17-17-3, 19-7-5, 24-6-612, 24-13-130, 30-5-3, 30-5-4, 30-5-5, 30-5-7, 30-5-8, 30-5-10, 31-2-9, 31-7-250, 31-7-350, 31-8-81, 31-8-82, 31-8-86, 35-3-4, 35-3-34.1, 42-8-63.1, and 49-2-14.1, repeals and reenacts O.C.G.A. Section 16-5-100, and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 16-5-101, 16-5-102, 16-5-103, and 16-5-104.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 31
HEALTH**

Act 325; SB 62

This Act provides that certain joint hospital authorities shall only utilize revenues to pay principal and interest on certificates and obligations of the authority, to pay existing pension plan obligations, and for funding projects leased by the authority to a lessee. The Act provides that no more than 1 percent of revenues shall be utilized to pay for personnel costs for employees or contractors of the authority. The Act establishes the Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee. The Act provides for composition, officers, terms of office, duties and responsibilities, and funding of such committee.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-7-77 and 31-8-179.2 and enacts Article 9 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-8.

Effective May 7, 2013.

Act 255; HB 208

This Act requires nursing homes to offer influenza vaccinations to its health care workers and other employees annually. The Act provides for limited liability.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-19.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 1; SB 24

This Act enacts the "Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act." The Act authorizes the Department of Community Health to assess one or more provider payments on hospitals for the purpose of obtaining federal financial participation for Medicaid. The Act provides for one or more segregated accounts within the Indigent Care Trust Fund and for the use of funds.

The Act enacts Article 6C of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-8.

Effective February 13, 2013, for purposes of proposing rules and regulations; all other provisions effective July 1, 2013.

Act 181; SB 14

This Act creates a Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force. The Act provides for a chairperson, members, and duties and responsibilities. The Act provides for a final report.

The Act enacts Article 9 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-8.

Effective May 6, 2013.

**TITLE 32
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES**

Act 18; HB 202

This Act requires the performance of value engineering studies on certain road construction projects. The Act exempts certain funds from being listed as expenditures in the State Public Transportation Fund budgeting requirements.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 32-2-41.2 and 32-5-30.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 19; SB 70

This Act provides for an expansion of the types of projects which may be awarded by the department through a design-build procedure. The Act revises the bidding procedures and procurement process for such contracts.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-81.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 227; SB 218

This Act provides for an annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit for vehicles towing disabled, damaged, abandoned, or wrecked commercial vehicles that meet certain weight, load, and length criteria.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 32-6-28.
Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 33
INSURANCE**

Act 214; SB 140

This Act expands certain provisions for property insurance and contract requirements to include contracts, agreements, and instruments for the repair of certain wear and tear of a motor vehicle to include rips, burns, tears, holes, and punctures to interior fabric or carpet, cosmetic repair to aluminum or painted wheels, and exterior reconditioning of foggy yellowed headlights within the definition of property insurance in a manner similar to vehicle service agreements or extended warranty agreements.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-7-6.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 265; HB 312

This Act provides for comprehensive revision of the provisions regulating insurance holding company systems. The Act also provides for the extension of malpractice insurance to a medical

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group which has a mutually exclusive contract to provide medical services to the enrollees of a health maintenance organization under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 13 of Title 33 and Section 33-21-8.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 253; HB 198

This Act provides for licensing of health insurance navigators under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Act provides for definitions and powers and duties of the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Article 3 of Chapter 23 of Title 33.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 230; SB 234

This Act provides comprehensive revision of provisions regarding the issuance and regulation of limited licenses to provide for limited licenses to sell travel insurance.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-23-12.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 278; HB 389

This Act sunsets requirements to provide conversion and enhanced conversion rights and coverage. The Act also adds provisions allowing for the discontinuance of conversion and enhanced conversion coverage upon the effective date whereupon guaranteed issue coverage is available pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Act further provides that upon the effective date whereupon guaranteed issue coverage is available pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a health insurer or managed care organization shall not be required to offer health care policies under the Georgia Health Insurance Assignment System and Georgia Health Benefits Assignment System.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-21.1 and enacts Section 33-29A-9.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 171; SB 1

This Act provides that both parents shall have equal access to their child's health insurance information and records. The Act also provides for exceptions to such equal access. The Act further provides for immunity to insurers for furnishing information and records requested pursuant to the provisions in the absence of fraud or bad faith. The Act expands parenting plan requirements to include access to health insurance records.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-59.16 and amends Section 19-9-1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 33 (continued)

Act 243; HB 103

This Act allows the issuance of a group life insurance policy to certain groups as approved by the Commissioner. The Act also removes a participation requirement before the extension of group life policy coverage to dependents of employees or members.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-27-1 and 33-27-2.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 338; SB 236

This Act requires insurers issuing accident and sickness policies in this state to indicate on their premium statement to consumers the amount of the premium increase, if any, attributable to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-29-22 and 33-30-13.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 34 LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Act 192; HB 361

This Act modifies the definition of "employer" to include any person employed by a transit authority and adds definitions for "federal labor laws" and "governmental body" for purposes of provisions relating to membership in labor organizations. The Act clarifies the rights protected under federal labor laws and prevents governmental bodies, employers, and labor organizations from infringing upon those rights. The Act requires written authorization of an employee before an employer may deduct fees to be paid to a labor organization.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 34-6-20, 34-6-21, 34-6-25, and 34-6-26 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 34-6-20.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 203; HB 154

This Act modifies provisions relating to awards and benefits of workers' compensation for catastrophic injuries. The Act provides a limitation period for the payment of medical benefits and a time limit for employer payment of employee mileage. The Act also modifies provisions relating to an employee's required attempt to work in a tendered suitable job and increases the compensation benefits for total disability and temporary partial disability.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 34-9-200, 34-9-203, 34-9-222, 34-9-240, 34-9-261, and 34-9-262.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 34 (continued)

Act 178; HB 393

This Act modifies provisions relating to the Georgia Workforce Investment Board so as to promote the development of a well-educated, highly skilled workforce for local labor markets. The Act creates local workforce investment boards to assist local workforce investment areas.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 34-14.

Effective May 6, 2013.

TITLE 35

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES

Act 235; HB 59

This Act requires persons and businesses licensed to provide alarm monitoring services to use alarm verification, by telephone or electronic means, prior to notifying law enforcement and emergency personnel under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 35-1-9.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 274; HB 366

This Act clarifies the application of disciplinary procedures to certified officers so as to ensure that all certified officers are included. The Act also reduces the waiting period for retaking the peace officer academy entrance examination and authorizes the emergency suspension of officer certifications in cases where such officers have failed to satisfactorily complete required training.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 35-8-7.1, 35-8-8, and 35-8-21.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 36

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Act 27; SB 160

This Act modifies provisions relating to penalties for the failure of a public employer to utilize the federal work authorization program and provisions relating to requiring private employers to utilize the federal work authorization program. The Act also modifies provisions relating to private businesses participating in the employment eligibility verification system prior to the issuance of a business license or other document and provisions relating to evidence of state licensure, annual reporting, and violations. The Act further modifies provisions relating to the "Secure and Verifiable Identity Document Act" and the provision of public benefits to illegal aliens. The Act requires agencies and political subdivisions to submit annual immigration compliance reports to the Department of Audits and Accounts.

TITLE 36 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 13-10-90, 13-10-91, 36-60-6, 36-80-23, 50-36-1, and 50-36-2 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-4.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 208; SB 83

This Act provides for cremation as an alternative for deceased indigents.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-12-5.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 231; SB 242

This Act permits downtown development authorities to undertake projects within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation relating to the reduction of energy or water consumption on property or the installation of improvements to property that produce energy from renewable resources.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-42-8.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 98; HB 473

This Act authorizes counties and municipalities to enter into multiyear lease, purchase, or lease-purchase contracts based on the local government's fiscal year.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-60-13.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 38

SOCIAL SERVICES AND STATE GOVERNMENT

Act 174; SB 76

This Act creates the Returning Veterans Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding how state services may be provided to veterans leaving military service.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 38-4.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 40

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Act 268; HB 323

This Act amends multiple provisions relating to the regulation of motor carriers and limousines, including modifying the age for operation of certain commercial motor vehicles, mandating certain motor vehicle operators utilize safety belts, changing the names of sections within the Motor

TITLE 40 (continued)

Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety, authorizing the commissioner of public safety to immediately suspend a motor carrier or limousine carrier certificate in emergency situations, authorizing the department to seize vehicles for the nonpayment of assessed fines and penalties, modifying provisions relating to the suspension of motor carrier permits and certificates, and authorizing the department to assess an application fee for towing companies.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-1-8, 40-1-52, 40-1-53, 40-1-100, 40-1-102, 40-1-104, 40-1-106, 40-1-110, 40-1-117, 40-1-119, 40-1-151, 40-1-161, 40-1-163, 40-1-167, 40-6-248.1, and 44-1-13.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 40-1-56 and 40-1-56.1.

Effective July 1, 2013, and shall apply to violations committed on or after such date; provided, however, that the provisions relating to "covered farm vehicles" in Section 12 of the Act shall be effective on January 1, 2014.

Act 240; HB 255

This Act transfers administrative responsibilities for the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Public Safety.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-1-102 and 40-2-140.

Effective July 1, 2014.

Act 89; SB 121

This Act provides for a comprehensive changes to provisions relating to prestige motor vehicle license plates, including providing for license plates for former members of the General Assembly, veterans, supporters of the AIDS Survival Project, supporters of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the Atlanta Braves Foundation.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-2-62, 40-2-85.1, and 40-2-86.

Effective July 1, 2013; provided, however, that provisions relating to special license plates for members and former members of the General Assembly in Section 1 apply to members who have served in the General Assembly for eight or more years as of December 31, 2013.

Act 14; HB 463

This Act modifies provisions relating to the ad valorem taxation of certain apportionable vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. This Act also modifies provisions relating to reciprocal agreements and registration of commercial vehicles on an apportionment basis.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-2-88, 40-2-152, 40-5-442.1, and 48-5C-1.

Effective April 10, 2013; provided, however, that provisions relating to registration, annual, or license fees of apportionable vehicles and ad valorem and alternative ad valorem taxes of apportionable vehicles shall be effective on January 1, 2014.

Act 124; HB 475

This Act authorizes the commissioner of driver services to enter into reciprocal agreements on behalf of Georgia for the recognition of drivers' licenses issued by foreign territories under certain limiting conditions.

TITLE 40 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-5-5 and 40-5-27.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 125; SB 122

This Act authorizes the issuance of a temporary driving permit or identification card to a noncitizen applicant whose Georgia driver's license or identification card has expired, or will expire, who has filed a request for an extension to remain lawfully within the United States.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-5-21.1.
Effective January 1, 2014.

Act 185; HB 254

This Act provides for electronic proof of insurance through a mobile electronic device.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-6-10.
Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 277; HB 384

This Act modifies the provisions relating to the authority of local governing bodies and crossing streets so as to authorize local governing authorities to permit the use of motorized carts on public streets provided that signs are erected.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-6-331.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 42 PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Act 333; HB 122

This Act authorizes the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to review and utilize records of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 35-3-4, 42-1-14, 42-5-36, and 42-9-53.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 280; HB 407

This Act modifies and extends provisions related to the mandatory use of ignition interlock devices following a second conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-5-63, 40-5-64, 42-8-111, and 42-8-112.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 42 (continued)

Act 22; HB 482

This Act authorizes former certified employees of the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to retain their state issued weapon under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 42-9-9 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 42-2-16.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 43

PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES

Act 12; HB 188

This Act provides that certain military certifications shall entitle persons to obtain professional licenses for Electrical Contractor Class I, Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, Utility Foreman, or a residential-light commercial contractor's license. The Act also provides that the spouse of a member of the military living in this state because of the military spouse's assignment shall be entitled to obtain professional licenses for Electrical Contractor Class I, Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, Utility Foreman, or a residential-light commercial contractor's license based upon his or her licensing in another state. The Act further provides for the powers and duties of the director of the professional licensing boards division of the Secretary of State, the members of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking such license.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 43-14-15, 43-14-16, 43-41-18, and 43-41-19.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 200; HB 332

This Act reconstitutes the Georgia Board of Nursing and provides for its membership and appointment of future members. The Act repeals the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-26-4, 43-26-5, 43-26-32, 43-26-34, 43-26-35, and 43-26-36.

Effective May 6, 2013 for purposes of making initial appointments to the reconstituted Georgia Board of Nursing. Effective July 1, 2013 for all other purposes.

Act 266; HB 315

This Act provides for continuing competency requirements as a prerequisite for license renewal for registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses beginning with the 2016 license renewal cycle. The Act also provides for inactive licenses for registered professional nurses. The Act requires mandatory reporting for nurses. The Act further provides for limited liability under certain circumstances for failure to report a nurse or for examining a nurse at the request of the Georgia Board of Nursing or Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses.

The Act revises provisions relating to provisional permits to practice massage therapy.

TITLE 43 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-26-9, 43-26-39, and 43-24A-9 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-26-9.1 and Article 3 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-26.

Section 4 of Act effective only when funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of such section in an appropriations Act. All other provisions effective July 1, 2013.

Act 198; HB 235

This Act revises the definition of optometry relative to the use of hydrocodone and the prescription and administration of pharmaceutical agents. The Act removes the exemption for continuing education requirements for persons practicing optometry who are 65 years of age or older.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-30-1 and 43-30-8.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 128; HB 178

This Act provides additional powers to the Georgia Composite Medical Board relating to pain management. The Act enacts the "Georgia Pain Management Clinic Act." The Act requires the licensure of pain management clinics on and after July 1, 2013. The Act provides the requirement for licensure of such clinics and the renewal, denial, suspension, and revocation of such licenses. The Act requires hospitals which operate certain outpatient clinics treating patients with Schedule II or III controlled substances to annually notify the Georgia Composite Medical Board of such clinic. The Act authorizes records of deaths that may be the result of treatment received at a pain management clinic to be sent to such board.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-34-5 and enacts Article 10 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-34.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 236; HB 68

The Act authorizes the Georgia Composite Medical Board to require up to 40 hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice orthotics or prosthetics and to determine the categories in which these hours should be earned.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-34-11.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 267; HB 317

This Act amends the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia" by providing for the issuance of administrative medicine licenses. The Act defines "administrative medicine" as the administration or management utilizing the medical and clinical knowledge, skill, and judgment of a licensed physician capable of affecting the health and safety of the public or any person, but specifies that administrative medicine does not include the practice of medicine. The Act authorizes the Georgia Composite Medical Board to issue educational certificates to out-of-state physicians to participate in educational training in this state that requires patient care.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 43-34-29.1 and 43-34-29.2.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 43 (continued)

Act 252; HB 192

This Act revises the definition of "podiatric medicine" to include the diagnosis and treatment of cosmetic conditions relating to the enhancement of the physical appearance or function of the foot, ankle, or leg.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-35-3.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 44 PROPERTY

Act 289; HB 458

This Act changes the maximum allowable casualty insurance deductible imposed by condominium associations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-94.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 249; HB 175

This Act provides that certain covenants run with the land.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-59.

Effective July 1, 2013, and shall apply to covenants recorded on or after that date.

Act 195; HB 160

This Act provides that choses in action for legal malpractice are not assignable. The Act revises provisions relating to vacant and foreclosed real property registries. The Act prohibits a fee for a future conveyance of real property except under limited circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 44-12-24 and 44-14-14 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-15.

Effective July 1, 2013, except that amendments to O.C.G.A. Section 44-12-24 are effective May 6, 2013 and the enactment of O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-15 shall apply to covenants recorded on or after July 1, 2013.

Act 340; HB 434

This Act provides that special liens include the amount due pursuant to an express or implied contract and the interest on such amount.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-361.

Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 45
PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Act 288; HB 454

This Act requires certain items to be included in the tax expenditure review for the state.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 45-12-75.
Effective May 7, 2013.

Act 228; SB 226

This Act changes certain provisions relating to coroner investigation fees. The Act provides for changes to compensation options of coroners.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 45-16-11 and 45-16-27.
Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 46
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Act 170; HB 194

This Act provides venue for actions against gas companies.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 46-1-2.
Effective May 6, 2013, and applicable to causes of actions arising on or after that date.

**TITLE 47
RETIREMENT AND PENSIONS**

Act 272; HB 345

This Act modernizes and clarifies the definition of the term "teacher" for purposes of participation in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-3-1 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 47-3-84.2.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 220; SB 178

This Act authorizes the board of trustees of the Georgia Legislative Retirement System to provide for the time and circumstances of paying benefits as necessary to comply with federal law. The Act broadens the prohibition against a person receiving a pension under such retirement system from accepting public employment.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 47-6-80 and 47-6-84.
Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 47 (continued)

Act 238; HB 238

This Act increases the amount of dues paid by members of the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-7-60. Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 216; SB 143

This Act provides that the duties of the boards of trustees of public retirement systems or pension plans are in addition to, and not in limitation of, the common law duties of the trustee found in Title 53.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-5. Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 187; HB 71

This Act increases the total percentage of investments permissible in real estate investments for the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System and any association of like political subdivisions which contracts with its members.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-83. Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 258; HB 232

This Act repeals the stated level of employee participation in the Regents Retirement Plan and authorizes the board of regents to set such level.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-21-4. Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 215; SB 142

This Act provides that the board of trustees of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System shall have the authority to determine the time and circumstances of paying benefits to the extent necessary to preserve the retirement system's status as a qualified plan under federal law. The Act clarifies the prohibition against a person receiving a pension from such retirement system from accepting public employment and requires notice to the board of trustees of such employment. The Act provides for penalties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 47-23-102 and 47-23-109. Effective July 1, 2013.

**TITLE 48
REVENUE AND TAXATION**

Act 8; HB 266

This Act defines the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" in order to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law. The Act also provides for the clarification of the applicability of tax credits earned for qualified research expenses; changes the definition of energy used in agriculture; provides for dealers to elect between manufacturing and agricultural exemptions; places a good faith standard on sellers regarding exemptions from taxation; and revises certain provisions regarding state and local title ad valorem fees.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-1-2, 48-5C-1, 48-7-40.12, 48-8-3, 48-8-3.3, and 48-8-38.
Effective March 5, 2013.

Act 213; SB 137

This Act clarifies that a person who has erroneously paid sales tax to a dealer that remitted such taxes to the revenue commissioner has an election either to file a refund claim with the commissioner or to submit a refund request to the dealer.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-2-35.1 and 48-7-40.1.
Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 217; SB 145

This Act provides that hosting farm weddings or certain equestrian events shall not be a breach of a conservation use covenant for property which has been subject to a covenant for at least one year.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-7.4.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 204; HB 197

This Act provides for a revision of the requirements for land that is classified as bona fide conservation use property or that is subject to a forest land conservation use covenant. The Act also provides for a performance review board to be appointed by the revenue commissioner and changes certain criteria relating to current use of conservation use property. The Act further provides for penalties for violations and for the valuation of property while an appeal is in progress.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-5-7.4, 48-5-7.7, 48-5-295.1, and 48-5-311 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-295.2.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 23; HB 304

This Act clarifies the application of a freeport exemption to fertilizer production processes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-48.2.

Effective January 1, 2014, and applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after that date.

TITLE 48 (continued)

Veto No. 3; HB 193

This Act revises the definitions of delivery charges and incremental sales and use tax. The Act also provides an exemption from state sales and use taxes, for a limited period of time, for nonprofit health centers, qualified food banks, food donated for hunger relief or natural disaster relief, certain products during a sales tax holiday, and qualified job training organizations. The Act further provides for a deadline for filing a certificate specifying the percentage of tax proceeds to be distributed to political subdivisions following a determination by a superior court.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-8-2, 48-8-3, 48-8-89, and 48-8-271.

Act 86; HB 318

This Act creates the Invest Georgia Fund to provide a source of capital for start up ventures in Georgia. The Act also extends the income tax credit for angel investors, provides a sales tax exemption for construction projects of zoological institutions, and revises provisions of the "Georgia Tourism Development Act."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-10-1, 10-10-3, 10-10-6, 48-7-40.30, 48-8-3, 48-8-271, and 48-8-273 through 48-8-276, repeals O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-278, and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 10-10-10 through 10-10-20.

Effective April 29 2013.

Act 37; HB 164

This Act extends the state sales and use tax exemption regarding the sale or use of engines, parts, equipment, or other tangible personal property used in this state for the maintenance or repair of aircraft.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-3.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 256; HB 210

This Act ratifies an executive order of the Governor relating to the temporary suspension of the collection of certain taxes on gasoline and aviation fuel.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-17.

Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 275; HB 371

This Act defines liquefied natural gas for motor fuel tax purposes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-9-3.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 257; HB 211

This Act exempts public school systems for motor fuel excise taxes under certain circumstances for a limited period of time.

TITLE 48 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-9-3.
Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 260; HB 250

This Act revises provisions relating to the local excise tax on the sale or use of energy. The Act also provides for the nonapplicability of the tax to certain projects; provides for procedures, conditions, and limitations on the levy of the tax; and provides for civil and criminal penalties for noncompliance.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-13-110, 48-13-112, 48-13-113, 48-13-115, 48-13-116, and 48-13-117 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 48-13-119 through 48-13-128.
Effective May 6, 2013.

Act 196; HB 359

This Act provides that actions for legal malpractice are not assignable. The Act also requires the revenue commissioner to deposit certain funds in the state treasury.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 44-12-24, 44-12-218, and 48-16-10.
Effective May 6, 2013.

**TITLE 49
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Veto No. 4; HB 240

This Act requires reimbursement for certain speech-language pathology services by Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 49-4-156.

**TITLE 50
STATE GOVERNMENT**

Act 11; HB 105

This Act amends the 2012-2013 "General Appropriations Act" to change certain appropriations for State Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
Effective March 27, 2013.

Act 309; HB 106

This Act, the "General Appropriations Act," provides appropriations for the operation of state government for State Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
Effective May 7, 2013.

TITLE 50 (continued)

Act 15; HB 487

This Act provides for the transfer of responsibility for the administration and enforcement of provisions relating to coin operated amusement machines from the Department of Revenue to the Georgia Lottery Corporation. The Act revises provisions relating to the administration and enforcement of laws relating to coin operated amusement machines. The Act provides for licensing of operators. The Act creates the Class B machine operators advisory board. The Act provides for fees and penalties.

The Act redesignates O.C.G.A. Chapter 48-17 as Article 3 of Chapter 50-27, reserves said Chapter 48-17, and amends such new article. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-12-35 and 50-27-9.

Effective April 10, 2013.

Act 219; SB 177

This Act changes the membership of the Georgia Tourism Foundation. The Act provides that the board shall have the authority to administer and disperse federal grants for any authorized purpose in a manner consistent with the terms of the grant. The Act authorizes the commission to manage the utilization of administrative space by the Department of Labor.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 50-7-17 and 50-16-41 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-7-11.1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 341; SB 104

This Act revises the minimum elements addressed and included in comprehensive plans of local governments. The Act removes the requirement for certain findings with regard to projects of regional importance or impact and provides for certain reports. The Act removes certain limitations on actions by counties or municipalities with regard to local plans.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 50-8-7.1 and 50-8-36.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 327; HB 338

This Act changes the membership of the Georgia Council for the Arts, provides for meetings, and provides for responsibilities of the council. The Act designates the native azalea as the state wild flower.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 50-3-54, 50-12-20, 50-12-21, 50-12-22, and 50-12-23.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 234; HB 45

This Act delays changes to provisions relating to writing off small amounts due to the state. The Act extends the automatic repeals of certain provisions relating to nonlapsing revenue of institutions in the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-86, 20-4-21.1, and 50-16-18.

Effective May 6, 2013.

TITLE 50 (continued)

Act 29; HB 324

This Act provides exemptions from requirements, procedures, and conditions for verification of lawful presence within the United States for the board of commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the board of directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 51 TORTS

Act 193; HB 499

This Act provides that payor guidelines and criteria under federal law shall not establish a legal basis for negligence or a standard of care for medical malpractice or product liability.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 51-1-52.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 241; HB 94

This Act changes provisions relating to the reduction of earnings to present value in determining damages. The Act provides for determining the present value of certain future damages.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 51-12-13.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Act 276; HB 382

This Act limits liability for a governing authority of a public school that enters into a recreational joint-use agreement with a private entity. The Act provides for applicability and specifications for recreational joint-use agreements.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 51-1-52.

Effective July 1, 2013.

TITLE 52 WATERS OF THE STATE

Act 26; SB 136

This Act changes provisions relating to hunting and operating certain vessels and watercraft under the influence of alcohol, toxic vapors, or drugs. The Act increases the age limits for the operation of certain watercraft. The Act changes provisions relating to suspension of an operator's privilege to operate a vessel, boating education courses, and rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations for registration, operation, and sale of watercraft and displaying watercraft information.

TITLE 52 (continued)

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 27-1-39 and 27-3-7 and O.C.G.A. Chapter 52-7.
Effective May 15, 2013.

Act 292; HB 497

This Act revises provisions of the "Georgia Boat Safety Act" regarding the numbering and registration of vessels. The Act revises application and expiration procedures. The Act revises exclusions and exemptions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 52-7-5, 52-7-6, and 52-7-7.
Effective July 1, 2013.

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