

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 889:

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.

10 Any person damaged by a violation of this article or a violation of the Supreme Court's
11 rules or opinions governing the unlicensed practice of law shall be entitled to maintain a
12 civil action to recover damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and expenses of litigation."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.