

Senate Bill 274

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the Capitol Arts Standards Commission, so as to provide for the  
3 designation of areas within the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History  
4 Museum areas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

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

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to the Capitol Arts Standards Commission, is amended by revising Code Section  
10 45-13-71, relating to duties and responsibilities of the commission, as follows:

11 "45-13-71.

12 The Capitol Art Standards Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

13 (1) To meet at such times and places as it shall determine necessary or convenient to  
14 perform its duties. The commission shall also meet on the call of the chairperson or the  
15 Governor;

16 (2) To maintain minutes of its meetings;

17 (3) To adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of its business;

18 (4) To organize itself as it deems appropriate to carry out its functions;

19 (5) To be responsible for developing policies and procedures for and to oversee the  
20 acquisition, installation, preservation, maintenance, display, and storage of all capitol  
21 artwork. As used in this part, the term 'capitol artwork' means visual art of museum  
22 quality owned by the State of Georgia that is displayed in or on the grounds of the capitol  
23 or is held for the purpose of future display to include, but not be limited to, portraits,  
24 paintings, sculptures, and plaques. The Georgia Capitol Museum shall remain  
25 responsible for the documentation, appraisal, control, handling, and conservation of the  
26 present and future artwork in the capitol art collection;

- 27 (6) To establish a collection policy for all capitol artwork;
- 28 (7) To develop standards and procedures for determining whether to acquire new artwork  
29 which shall include criteria for judging the relevance of the subject, the historical  
30 significance to the State of Georgia, and the quality of the artwork produced and an  
31 approval process for such acquisitions. No artwork shall be acquired or installed without  
32 final approval of the commission;
- 33 (8) To develop a process for the selection, placement, installation, and rotation of capitol  
34 artwork in the capitol, in the capitol museum, in the areas of the capitol museum  
35 designated as the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas, and on the capitol  
36 grounds;
- 37 (9) To develop policies and procedures for outgoing loans from the capitol art collection  
38 and for temporary displays of artwork in the capitol, in the capitol museum, in the areas  
39 of the capitol museum designated as the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum  
40 areas, and on the capitol grounds;
- 41 (10) To develop deaccession policies and procedures for artwork in the capitol art  
42 collection that should be removed based upon poor quality or lack of relevance or similar  
43 factors; and
- 44 (11) To perform such other duties and responsibilities as required by law."

## 45 SECTION 2.

46 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 45-13-72, relating to the submission  
47 of recommendations to achieve highest museum standards, as follows:

48 "45-13-72.

49 (a) The Capitol Art Standards Commission may recommend to the Governor and the  
50 General Assembly changes in state statutes, policies, budgets, and standards relating to the  
51 capitol art collection, with the objective of keeping the collection at the highest museum  
52 standards.

53 (b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission, in cooperation with the Board of Regents of  
54 the University System of Georgia and the Commission on the Preservation of the State  
55 Capitol, shall designate areas within the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol  
56 Agricultural History Museum areas. Such areas shall include information, artifacts,  
57 photographs, monuments, or other related items which tell the history and importance of  
58 agriculture to this state's economic growth. Except as provided for in this part, the Georgia  
59 Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas of the capitol museum shall be maintained,  
60 operated, and managed in the same manner as the other areas of the capitol museum."

61 **SECTION 3.**

62 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 45-13-73, relating to funding for the  
63 capitol museum, as follows:

64 "45-13-73.

65 (a) The Capitol Art Standards Commission may accept federal funds granted by Congress  
66 or executive order for the purposes of this part as well as gifts and donations from  
67 individuals, private organizations, or foundations. The acceptance and use of federal funds  
68 shall not commit state funds and shall not place an obligation upon the General Assembly  
69 to continue the purposes for which the federal funds are made available.

70 (b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission may accept gifts and donations from  
71 individuals, private organizations, and foundations which have been designated for the  
72 purpose of providing for and maintaining capitol artwork for the Georgia Capitol  
73 Agricultural History Museum areas. Such designated funds received by the commission  
74 shall be maintained in a separate, interest-bearing account and shall not lapse. Such funds  
75 shall only be expended on the establishment and maintenance of the Georgia Capitol  
76 Agricultural History Museum areas."

77 **SECTION 4.**

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