

House Bill 153

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14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.