

House Bill 323

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors
2 or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance
3 of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in
4 amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional,
5 or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law
6 derived from decisions of the state supreme court; to provide for other matters relating to
7 revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of
8 conflicts; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, is amended
12 in:

13 (1) Chapter 3, relating to laws and statutes, by revising Code Section 1-3-8, relating to
14 binding effect of legislation upon the state, as follows:

15 "1-3-8.

16 (a) The state is not bound by the passage of a law unless it is named therein or unless the
17 words of the law are so plain, clear, and unmistakable as to leave no doubt as to the
18 intention of the General Assembly.

19 (b) Likewise, the General Assembly, including its committees, commissions, and offices,
20 is not bound by the passage of a law unless it is named therein or unless the words of the
21 law are so plain, clear, and unmistakable as to leave no doubt as to the intention of the
22 General Assembly. The General Assembly is not a state department, agency, board,
23 bureau, office, commission, public corporation, or authority."

24 The purpose of this amendment is to codify principles of law enunciated by the Supreme
25 Court of Georgia in Harrison v. Code Revision Comm., 244 Ga. 325, 328 (1979) and
26 Coggin v. Davey, 233 Ga. 407, 411 (1975).

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SECTION 2.

28 Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in:

29 (1) Code Section 2-8-14, relating to composition, appointments, terms of office, and
30 compensation of the Agricultural Commodity Commissions, and other matters, in
31 subsection (c), by replacing "appointive member" with "appointed member" and in
32 paragraph (d)(3) and subsection (i), by replacing "appointive members" with "appointed
33 members".

34 (2) Code Section 2-8-124, relating to membership and nomination and election of
35 commission members of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Equines, in
36 subsection (c), by replacing "appointive member" with "appointed member" and in
37 paragraph (d)(3) and subsection (i), by replacing "appointive members" with "appointed
38 members".

39 (3) Code Section 2-8-133, relating to amendments to, rules and regulations governing, and
40 expiration and termination of marketing orders of the Agricultural Commodity Commission
41 for Equines, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "appointive members" with "appointed
42 members".

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SECTION 3.

44 Reserved.

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SECTION 4.

46 Reserved.

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SECTION 5.

48 Reserved.

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SECTION 6.

50 Reserved.

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SECTION 7.

52 Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is
53 amended in:

54 (1) Code Section 7-1-11, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

55 (2) Code Section 7-1-36, relating to the oath of the commissioner, deputy commissioner, and
56 examiners of the Department of Banking and Finance, in subsection (a), by replacing "his
57 or her office which" with "his or her office, which".

58 (3) Code Section 7-1-239.5, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

59 (4) Code Section 7-1-241, relating to restrictions on engaging in the banking business, in
 60 paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "provided, however, no such person" with "provided,
 61 however, that no such person" and in subparagraph (b)(5)(B), by replacing "provided such
 62 instruments" with "provided that such instruments".

63 (5) Code Section 7-1-355, relating to agreements concerning safe deposits, by replacing
 64 "safe deposit boxes" with "safe-deposit boxes".

65 (6) Code Section 7-1-594, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

66 (7) Code Section 7-1-603, relating to extension of existing banking locations and automated
 67 teller machines, cash dispensing machines, point-of-sale terminals, and other extensions, in
 68 subsection (d), by replacing "provided such extension" with "provided that such extension".

69 (8) Code Section 7-1-758, relating to tax exemptions and state and local occupational license
 70 taxes, in subsection (a), by deleting the comma following "trust companies".

71 (9) Code Section 7-1-779, relating to the use of the term "savings and loan" or other terms
 72 likely to mislead the public as to the nature of a business, by replacing "the terms 'savings
 73 and loan' or combination of the words used in said phrases" with "the term 'savings and loan'
 74 or combination of the words used in said phrase".

75 (10) Code Section 7-1-797, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

76 (11) Code Section 7-1-911, relating to definitions regarding records and reports of United
 77 States currency transactions, in subparagraph (6)(C), by deleting the comma following
 78 "association".

79 (12) Code Section 7-1-958, relating to tax exemptions, credits, and privileges and
 80 occupational license taxes, in subsection (a), by deleting the comma following "companies".

81 (13) Code Section 7-1-1002, relating to transaction of business without a license,
 82 registration, or exemption prohibited, knowing purchase of mortgage loan from unlicensed
 83 or nonexempt broker or lender prohibited, and liability of persons controlling violators, in
 84 paragraph (a)(4), by deleting "such person".

85 (14) Code Section 7-2-11, relating to the exclusive supervision by the Department of
 86 Banking and Finance regarding credit union deposit insurance corporations, in subsection (a),
 87 by deleting the comma following "banks".

88 **SECTION 8.**

89 Reserved.

90 **SECTION 9.**

91 Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended in:

92 (1) Code Section 9-9-32, relating to appointment of arbitrators and immunity from liability,
 93 in subsection (e), by replacing "subsections (c) or (d)" with "subsection (c) or (d)".

94 (2) Code Section 9-11-4.1, relating to certified process servers, in paragraph (h)(1), by
95 replacing "in any county he or she" with "in any county, he or she".

96 **SECTION 10.**

97 Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is
98 amended in:

99 (1) Code Section 10-1-5, relating to mail order and telephone sales, by replacing "catalog"
100 with "catalogue" both times the term appears.

101 (2) Code Section 10-1-234, relating to selling controlled product to another distributor for
102 retail sale and selling to other dealers at distress prices, by inserting a comma following
103 "credit cards".

104 (3) Code Section 10-1-250, relating to the short title of the "Below Cost Sales Act", by
105 replacing "This article may be cited" with "This article shall be known and may be cited".

106 (4) Code Section 10-1-260, relating to the short title of the "Liquefied Petroleum Safety Act
107 of Georgia", by replacing "This article may be cited and referred to" with "This article shall
108 be known and may be cited".

109 (5) Code Section 10-1-264, relating to assistants and employees of state fire marshal, by
110 replacing "he" with "he or she".

111 (6) Code Section 10-1-370, relating to the short title of the "Uniform Deceptive Trade
112 Practices Act", by replacing "This part may be cited" with "This part shall be known and may
113 be cited".

114 (7) Code Section 10-1-393.2, relating to requirements for health spas, in subsection (g), by
115 replacing "he" with "he or she".

116 (8) Code Section 10-1-398, relating to stay of cease and desist order and hearing, in
117 subsection (a), by replacing "him" with "him or her", in the introductory language of
118 subsection (b), by replacing "he" with "he or she", and in the introductory language of
119 subsection (i), by replacing "he" with "he or she" each time the term appears.

120 (9) Code Section 10-1-593, relating to conditions of licensure and bonds regarding buying
121 services, in paragraph (2), by replacing "payable to the Governor of this state;" with "payable
122 to the Governor;".

123 (10) Code Section 10-1-622, relating to definitions regarding motor vehicle franchise
124 practices, in paragraph (8.1), by replacing "pursuandefft" with "pursuant".

125 (11) Code Section 10-1-651, relating to termination of a motor vehicle franchise, grounds,
126 notice, dealer costs reimbursed by franchisor, and applicability to distributors, in
127 division (f)(3)(A)(i), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue" both times the term appears.

128 (12) Code Section 10-1-784, relating to reasonable attempts to correct nonconformity and
129 option to repurchase or replace vehicle regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in

130 subparagraph (a)(1)(B), by deleting the comma following "times" and in
131 subparagraph (a)(2)(C), by replacing "with the 28 day time period," with "within the 28 day
132 time period,".

133 (13) Code Section 10-1-791, relating to consumer fees to implement provisions of the article
134 and enforcement regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "the
135 'Fair Business Practices Act';" with "the 'Fair Business Practices Act of 1975';".

136 (14) Code Section 10-1-793, relating to violations that constitute unfair and deceptive acts
137 or practices and cumulative effect regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in subsection (a),
138 by replacing "the 'Fair Business Practices Act';" with "the 'Fair Business Practices Act
139 of 1975';".

140 (15) Code Section 10-2-10, relating to delivery tickets for bulk sales and bulk deliveries of
141 heating fuel, at the end of paragraph (4), by inserting "and" following "sale;".

142 (16) Code Section 10-2-11, relating to information required on packages, at the end of
143 paragraph (2), by inserting "and" following "count;".

144 (17) Code Section 10-5-2, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Uniform Securities
145 Act," in paragraph (25), by replacing "the 'Georgia Securities Act of 1973'," with "the
146 'Georgia Securities Act of 1973,'".

147 (18) Code Section 10-6A-14, relating to ministerial acts explained, required actions of
148 transaction brokers, and false information, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "pre-printed"
149 with "preprinted" and at the end of paragraph (b)(2), by inserting "and" following
150 "transaction;".

151 (19) Code Section 10-9-1, relating to the short title of the "Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World
152 Congress Center Act", by replacing "This chapter may be known and cited" with "This
153 chapter shall be known and may be cited".

154 (20) Code Section 10-9-50, relating to enforceability against authority and limitation on state
155 liability regarding revenue bonds, in paragraph (a)(1), by deleting the comma following
156 "including but not limited to" and in subparagraph (a)(1)(D), by deleting "which are" at the
157 beginning of both division "(i)" and division "(ii)".

158 (21) Code Section 10-9-51, relating to security, provisions in resolution or trust indenture
159 for protection of bondholder rights and remedies, and sinking fund regarding revenue bonds,
160 in subparagraph (b)(1)(D), by deleting "which are" at the beginning of both division "(i)" and
161 division "(ii)".

162 (22) Code Section 10-9-53, relating to payment of sale proceeds from revenue bonds to
163 trustees regarding the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center, by replacing "the
164 authority which" with "the authority, which".

165 (23) Code Section 10-13-2, relating to definitions regarding tobacco product manufacturers,
 166 in the introductory language of paragraph (10), by replacing "the date of enactment of this
 167 chapter" with "April 28, 1999,".

168 (24) Code Section 10-13A-8, relating to documentation to be supplied by a tobacco
 169 distributor, cooperation between the state revenue commissioner and the Attorney General,
 170 and promulgation of regulations, in subsection (a), by replacing "10" with "ten".

171 (25) Code Section 10-14-3, relating to definitions regarding cemetery and funeral services,
 172 in paragraph (8), by replacing "mausoleum, a vault, crypt interments;" with "a mausoleum,
 173 a vault, or crypt interments;".

174 (26) Code Section 10-14-4, relating to registration of dealers and cemeteries, perpetual care
 175 cemeteries trust funds, nonperpetual care cemeteries, and preneed escrow accounts, in
 176 subparagraph (b)(1)(L), by inserting quotation marks immediately preceding "NOTICE" and
 177 immediately following "2000.".

178 (27) Code Section 10-14-5, relating to preneed sales agents, contracts, and retention of
 179 employee data, in subsection (e), by replacing "sent by certified mail, return receipt
 180 requested, or statutory overnight delivery," with "sent by certified mail or statutory overnight
 181 delivery, return receipt requested,".

182 (28) Code Section 10-14-11, relating to stop order suspending or revoking registration,
 183 denial or refusal of application for registration, and penalties regarding cemetery and funeral
 184 services, in subsection (c), by replacing "Secretary of the State" with "Secretary of State".

185 (29) Code Section 10-14-17, relating to prohibited acts and fees regarding cemetery and
 186 funeral services, at the end of paragraph (c)(7), by inserting "or" following "agents;".

187 (30) Code Section 10-14-18, relating to duties of a registrant and written contract regarding
 188 cemetery and funeral services, in the second sentence of paragraph (a)(2), by replacing
 189 "burial or rights," with "burial rights,".

190 **SECTION 11.**

191 Reserved.

192 **SECTION 12.**

193 Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural
 194 resources, is amended in:

195 (1) Code Section 12-2-8, relating to promulgation of minimum standards and procedures for
 196 protection of natural resources, environment, and vital areas of state and stream and reservoir
 197 buffers, at the end of the introductory language of subparagraph (g)(2)(C), by replacing
 198 "provided:" with "provided that:".

199 (2) Code Section 12-5-30.3, relating to sludge land application systems, in subsection (d),
200 by replacing "The provisions of this section" with "The provisions of this subsection".

201 (3) Code Section 12-7-6, relating to best management practices and minimum requirements
202 for rules, regulations, ordinances, or resolutions regarding control of soil erosion and
203 sedimentation, in the introductory language of subparagraph (b)(16)(C), by replacing "cause
204 a width of disturbance" with "they cause a width of disturbance".

205 (4) Code Section 12-16-20, relating to definitions regarding procedures for amending
206 environmental regulations, in subparagraph (7)(K), by replacing "the 'Georgia Hazardous
207 Site Reuse and Redevelopment Act';" with "the 'Georgia Brownfield Act';".

208 **SECTION 13.**

209 Reserved.

210 **SECTION 14.**

211 Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships,
212 and associations, is amended in:

213 (1) Code Section 14-2-870, relating to procedures for disclaimer of business opportunities,
214 in the introductory language of subsection (e), by replacing "subsections (c) or (d)" with
215 "subsection (c) or (d)".

216 (2) Code Section 14-8-1, relating to the short title of the "Uniform Partnership Act", by
217 replacing "This chapter may be cited" with "This chapter shall be known and may be cited".

218 (3) Code Section 14-9-100, relating to the short title of the "Georgia Revised Uniform
219 Limited Partnership Act", by replacing "This chapter may be cited" with "This chapter shall
220 be known and may be cited".

221 (4) Code Section 14-9A-1, relating to the short title of the "Uniform Limited Partnership
222 Act", by replacing "This article may be cited" with "This article shall be known and may be
223 cited".

224 (5) Code Section 14-10-1, relating to the short title of "The Georgia Professional Association
225 Act", by replacing "This chapter may be cited" with "This chapter shall be known and may
226 be cited".

227 (6) Code Section 14-11-100, relating to the short title of the "Georgia Limited Liability
228 Company Act", by replacing "This chapter may be cited" with "This chapter shall be known
229 and may be cited".

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SECTION 15.

231 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in:

232 (1) Code Section 15-19-52, relating to lawful acts by parties involved, financial services
 233 advice, legal instruments, and title papers, by replacing "financial services; nor" with
 234 "financial services nor" and by replacing "provided it is done" with "provided that it is done".

235 (2) Code Section 15-25-2, relating to issuance, security of cards, required information, valid
 236 period, and acceptance by other agencies regarding personal identification cards for Justices,
 237 in subsection (d), by deleting the comma following "Justices".

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SECTION 16.

239 Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is
 240 amended in:

241 (1) Code Section 16-5-46, relating to trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, in
 242 subsection (a), by redesignating current paragraph (1) as new paragraph (4) and by
 243 redesignating current paragraphs (2) through (4) as new paragraphs (1) through (3),
 244 respectively, reordering such paragraphs so as to alphabetize definitions.

245 (2) Code Section 16-8-14, relating to theft by shoplifting, in subparagraph (b)(1)(B), by
 246 inserting a comma following "probation detention center".

247 (3) Code Section 16-8-14.1, relating to refund fraud, in paragraph (c)(2), by inserting a
 248 comma following "probation detention center".

249 (4) Code Section 16-9-130, relating to damages available to consumer victim, no defense
 250 that others engage in comparable practices, and service of complaint, in subsection (a), by
 251 replacing "provided, however, punitive damages" with "provided, however, that punitive
 252 damages".

253 (5) Code Section 16-11-103, relating to discharge of gun or pistol near a public highway and
 254 penalty, at the end of paragraph (c)(3), by deleting "pursuant to Chapter 16 of Title 43".

255 (6) Code Section 16-12-141.1, relating to disposal of aborted fetuses, reporting
 256 requirements, penalties, public report, and confidentiality of identity of physicians filing
 257 reports, in paragraph (a)(2), by deleting "of the type and confidentiality provided for in
 258 subsection (d) of Code Section 16-12-141, and".

259 (7) Code Section 16-12-170, relating to definitions regarding the sale or distribution to, or
 260 possession by, minors of cigarettes and tobacco related objects, at the beginning of the last
 261 sentence in paragraph (7), by deleting the quotations marks around "Proper identification".

262 (8) Code Section 16-13-31.1, relating to trafficking in ecstasy, sentencing, and variation, in
 263 the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing
 264 "3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine" with "3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine" and

265 by replacing "3,4-methylenedioxy-amphetamine" with "3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine"
266 each time the terms appear.

267 (9) Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of "dangerous drug", in
268 paragraph (b)(.043), by replacing "abobotulinumtoxinA;" with "AbobotulinumtoxinA;" and
269 in paragraph (b)(133.05), by replacing "see exceptions;" with "See exceptions;".

270 **SECTION 17.**

271 Reserved.

272 **SECTION 18.**

273 Reserved.

274 **SECTION 19.**

275 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is
276 amended in:

277 (1) Code Section 19-7-5, relating to reporting of child abuse, when mandated or authorized,
278 content of report, to whom made, immunity from liability, report based upon privileged
279 communication, and penalty for failure to report, in subsection (f), by replacing "provided
280 such participation" with "provided that such participation".

281 (2) Code Section 19-8-15, relating to when objections may be filed by relatives to petition
282 for adoption, by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subsections (a) and (b), respectively.

283 **SECTION 20.**

284 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in:

285 (1) Code Section 20-2-151.2, relating to driver education course accepted for Carnegie unit
286 elective credits, by replacing "'The Driver Training School License Act,'" with "'The Driver
287 Training School and Commercial Driver Training School License Act,'".

288 (2) Code Section 20-2-702, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

289 (3) Code Section 20-2-703, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

290 (4) Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship,
291 at the end of division (a)(1)(B)(iii), by inserting "or" following "year;".

292 (5) Code Section 20-14-90, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.

293 **SECTION 21.**

294 Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in:

295 (1) Code Section 21-5-71, relating to registration required of lobbyists, application for
296 registration, supplemental registration, expiration, docket, fees, identification cards, public

297 rosters, and exemptions, at the end of paragraph (i)(6.1), by inserting "or" following
298 "employer;".

299 **SECTION 22.**

300 Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eminent domain, is amended
301 in:

302 (1) Code Section 22-1-1, relating to definitions relative to general provisions of eminent
303 domain, in division (1)(A)(iii), by replacing "provided, however, this division" with
304 "provided, however, that this division".

305 (2) Code Section 22-3-83, relating to duties of State Commission on Petroleum Pipelines,
306 compensation, meetings, and termination, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "land uses" with
307 "land use".

308 (3) Code Section 22-3-85, relating to temporary moratorium on use of eminent domain for
309 construction of petroleum pipelines and study, in the introductory language of
310 subparagraph (a)(2)(D), by replacing "deed, license. or" with "deed, license, or".

311 (4) Code Section 22-3-89, relating to procedure for hearings and appeals regarding eminent
312 domain relative to petroleum pipelines, by replacing "and provided further that" with "and
313 provided, further, that".

314 **SECTION 23.**

315 Reserved.

316 **SECTION 24.**

317 Reserved.

318 **SECTION 25.**

319 Reserved.

320 **SECTION 26.**

321 Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics,
322 is amended in:

323 (1) Code Section 26-4-28, relating to powers, duties, and authority of the State Board of
324 Pharmacy, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by inserting a comma following
325 "Georgia" and in paragraph (a)(29), by replacing "Chapter 13 of Title 50;" with "Chapter 13
326 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act';".

327 (2) Code Section 26-4-60, relating to grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to grant
328 licenses to practice pharmacy, in division (a)(11)(B)(ii), by replacing "mailing of certain

329 drugs and if necessary," with "mailing of certain drugs and, if necessary," and by replacing
330 "distribution through the mail" with "distribution through the mails".

331 (3) Code Section 26-4-86, relating to compounding and distribution of drug products, in
332 subsection (c), by replacing "nonpatient specific" with "nonpatient-specific" both times the
333 phrase appears.

334 **SECTION 27.**

335 Reserved.

336 **SECTION 28.**

337 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
338 amended in:

339 (1) Code Section 28-1-8, relating to the salary and allowances of members and officers of
340 the General Assembly, in subsection (f), by replacing "he" with "he or she" each time the
341 term appears and by replacing "himself or his family" with "himself or herself or his or her
342 family" and in subsection (g), by replacing "his" with "his or her".

343 (2) Code Section 28-4-3, relating to creation of the Office of Legislative Counsel and its
344 qualifications and powers and duties, in paragraph (c)(5), by replacing "He" with "He or she"
345 and in subsection (d), by replacing "he" with "he or she", by replacing "him" with "him or
346 her", and by replacing "his" with "his or her".

347 **SECTION 29.**

348 Reserved.

349 **SECTION 30.**

350 Reserved.

351 **SECTION 31.**

352 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in:

353 (1) Code Section 31-2A-18, relating to establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry,
354 definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, in
355 subparagraph (a)(3)(A), by inserting a comma following "nausea".

356 (2) Code Section 31-2A-32, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting
357 Grant Program, by replacing "purpose of the grant program" with "purpose of the program".

358 (3) Code Section 31-2A-34, relating to services funded by the Positive Alternatives for
359 Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, in the introductory language, by replacing "this
360 program" with "the program", in paragraph (1), by replacing "screening" with "screenings",

361 in paragraph (7), by replacing "pregnancy and childbirth including, but not limited to," with
 362 "pregnancy and childbirth, including but not limited to", and in paragraph (8), by deleting
 363 the comma following "limited to".

364 (4) Code Section 31-7-3.3, relating to the definition of "excluded party" and to liability,
 365 notice, dismissal, and other procedural factors regarding the regulation of hospitals and
 366 related institutions, in subsection (c), by replacing "their direct" with "its direct", in
 367 subsection (d), by replacing "who claims" with "that claims", and in subsections (e) and (f),
 368 by replacing "such claim, or" with "such claim,".

369 (5) Code Section 31-7-53, relating to matching formula, priority system, use of earnings, and
 370 approval of federal grants for construction and modernization of medical facilities, in
 371 subsection (d), by replacing "the Public Health Service Act" with "the federal Public Health
 372 Service Act".

373 (6) Code Section 31-7-192, relating to the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life
 374 Advisory Council, in subsection (d), by deleting the comma following "on the council".

375 (7) Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits and obligations of
 376 rural hospitals after receipt of funds, in subparagraph (c)(1)(A), by replacing "health
 377 care-related services" with "health care related services".

378 (8) Code Section 31-11-110, relating to legislative findings regarding a system of certified
 379 stroke centers, in paragraph (2), by inserting a comma following "in this country"; in
 380 paragraph (4), by inserting a comma following "Therefore"; and in subparagraph (6)(A), by
 381 inserting a comma following "interventions".

382 **SECTION 32.**

383 Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries,
 384 is amended in:

385 (1) Code Section 32-5-30, relating to allocation of state and federal funds for public roads,
 386 items excluded from budgeting, budgeting periods, and authorization of reduction of funds
 387 allocated, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "provided, however, if" with "provided, however,
 388 that if".

389 (2) Code Section 32-6-51, relating to erection, placement, or maintenance of unlawful or
 390 unauthorized structure, removal thereof, penalty for violation, and authorization of
 391 placement, erection, and maintenance of commercial advertisements by transit agency, in
 392 subparagraph (g)(1)(C), by replacing "this state including," with "this state, including,".

393 (3) Code Section 32-9-14, relating to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview
 394 Committee, in subsection (f), by replacing "for the planning," with "for planning,".

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SECTION 33.

396 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in:

397 (1) Code Section 33-10-13, relating to the "Standard Valuation Law," in
 398 subparagraph (d)(2)(A), by deleting the comma following "shall annually submit the
 399 opinion".

400 (2) Code Section 33-20C-1, relating to definitions regarding accurate health care provider
 401 directories, in paragraph (1), by inserting a comma following "enrollee".

402 (3) Code Section 33-23-4, relating to insurance license required, restrictions on payment or
 403 receipt of commissions, and positions indirectly related to sale, solicitation, or negotiation
 404 of insurance excluded from licensing requirements, in subparagraph (h)(2)(B), by replacing
 405 "paragraphs" with "paragraph".

406 (4) Code Section 33-23-12, relating to limited insurance licenses, in paragraph (d)(16), by
 407 replacing "electronic mail" with "e-mail" each time the term appears.

408 (5) Code Section 33-24-14, relating to delivery of insurance policies, applicability of the
 409 Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and additional mailings, in paragraph (d)(4), by
 410 replacing "electronic mail" with "e-mail".

411 (6) Code Section 33-25-4, relating to required nonforfeiture provisions regarding life
 412 insurance, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "two percent" with "2 percent", by replacing
 413 "forty percent" with "40 percent", and by replacing "twenty-five percent" with "25 percent";
 414 in paragraph (e)(1), by deleting "subsection (o) of"; and at the end of subparagraph (e)(9)(A),
 415 by replacing "4.00 percent" with "4 percent".

416 (7) Code Section 33-41-2, relating to definitions regarding captive insurance companies, in
 417 the introductory language of paragraph (2), by replacing "'Agency captive insurance'
 418 company" with "'Agency captive insurance company'".

419 (8) Code Section 33-41-10, relating to application for and issuance of certificates of
 420 authority for captive insurance companies, at the end of paragraph (a)(1), by inserting "and"
 421 following "bylaws"; in subsection (b), by replacing "him" with "him or her" and by replacing
 422 "his" with "his or her"; and in subsection (d), by replacing "he" with "he or she" and by
 423 replacing "his" with "his or her".

424 (9) Code Section 33-45-10, relating to information disclosure requirements regarding
 425 continuing care providers and facilities, in paragraph (d)(4), by replacing "Federal" with
 426 "federal".

427 (10) Code Section 33-56-3, relating to insurance company action level events, preparation
 428 and submission of a risk-based capital level plan, hearing, and out-of-state filing, at the end
 429 of subparagraph (a)(1)(B), by deleting "or" following "trend;" and at the end of
 430 subparagraph (a)(1)(C), by inserting "or" following "instructions;".

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SECTION 34.

432 Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations,
433 is amended in:

434 (1) Code Section 34-7-48, relating to recovery by a railroad company employee working
435 beyond limited hours of service, by deleting ", as prohibited by Code Section 46-8-152".

436 (2) Code Section 34-8-153, relating to liability of succeeding employer, computation of rate
437 of contributions, transfers between employers with substantially common ownership,
438 management, or control, transfers made for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of
439 contribution, and penalties for violations regarding employment security, in the introductory
440 language of subsection (g), by replacing "provision in this chapter" with "provision of this
441 chapter".

442 (3) Code Section 34-8-164, relating to applications for adjustment or refund of contributions
443 by employers, by replacing "provided such amounts" with "provided that such amounts".

444 (4) Code Section 34-8-196, relating to determination of eligibility for employment security
445 benefits of persons performing certain services and eligibility for employment security
446 benefits of aliens performing services, in subsection (e), by inserting the boldface catchline
447 **"Reasonable assurance" defined.** following the subsection (e) designation.

448 (5) Code Section 34-8-197, relating to eligibility requirements for extended employment
449 security benefits, in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "provided, further, if" with "provided,
450 further, that if" both times the phrase appears.

451 (6) Code Section 34-9-5, relating to applicability of the workers' compensation chapter to
452 employers and employees regarding pilots under contract to the Georgia Forestry
453 Commission, by replacing "Georgia Forestry Commission" with "State Forestry
454 Commission".

455 (7) Code Section 34-9-53, relating to directors emeritus of the State Board of Workers'
456 Compensation, eligibility for appointment, and procedure for appointment, by replacing "in
457 these offices; provided," with "in these offices; and provided,".

458 (8) Code Section 34-9-151, relating to definitions regarding group self-insurance funds for
459 workers' compensation, in paragraphs (14) and (19), by replacing "comprised" with
460 "composed" in both paragraphs.

461 (9) Code Section 34-9-152, relating to application to Commissioner of Insurance for the
462 State of Georgia for certificate of authority to create fund, contents of application, filing fee,
463 and membership of fund, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "comprised" with "composed".

464 (10) Code Section 34-9-384, relating to general powers of the board of trustees of the
465 Self-insurers Guaranty Trust Fund, at the end of subparagraph (2)(B), by replacing the period
466 with a semicolon following "meeting".

467 (11) Code Section 34-9-431, relating to certification of a work based learning employer and
 468 requirements, in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "assist" with "assists".

469 **SECTION 35.**

470 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and
 471 agencies, is amended in:

472 () Code Section 35-1-2, relating to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault victims
 473 and reports, in subsection (b), by replacing "afforded to them" with "afforded to him or her"
 474 and in subsection (g), by replacing "Senate Judiciary, Non-civil Committee" with "Senate
 475 Judiciary Committee".

476 (2) Code Section 35-2-15, relating to off-duty use of motor vehicles and other equipment by
 477 certain law enforcement officers, conditions for use, and rules and regulations, in
 478 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "in discharge" with "in the discharge" and in subsection (b),
 479 by replacing "departmental" with "department".

480 (3) Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of persons
 481 as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and the definition
 482 of "employment related information", in paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "\$0.25" with "25¢".

483 **SECTION 36.**

484 Reserved.

485 **SECTION 37.**

486 Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in:

487 (1) Code Section 37-3-83, relating to procedure for continued involuntary hospitalization
 488 for mental illness, in subsection (b), by replacing "an individual" with "a person" both times
 489 the phrase appears and in subsection (j), by replacing "an individual" with "a person" and by
 490 replacing "that order" with "such order".

491 (2) Code Section 37-3-147, relating to representatives and guardians ad litem for persons
 492 with mental illness, notification provisions, and duration and scope of guardianship ad litem,
 493 in subsection (a), by replacing "that facility" with "such facility".

494 **SECTION 38.**

495 Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military, emergency
 496 management, and veterans affairs, is amended in:

497 (1) Code Section 38-2-280, relating to military personnel and reemployment in private
 498 industry, various types of absences, injunction to compel, and Attorney General's aid, in
 499 subsection (d), by replacing "state-sponsored" with "state sponsored".

500 (2) Code Section 38-2-1006, relating to state judge advocate, appointment, eligibility, and
501 staff judge advocate in regard to general provisions under the "Georgia Code of Military
502 Justice," in subsection (a), by replacing "advisor" with "adviser" and in subsection (b), by
503 replacing "advisors" with "advisers".

504 (3) Code Section 38-2-1051, relating to voting, rulings, and charge regarding trial
505 procedures under the "Georgia Code of Military Justice," in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing
506 "beyond reasonable doubt;" with "beyond a reasonable doubt;".

507 (4) Code Section 38-2-1056, relating to maximum sentencing limits under the "Georgia
508 Code of Military Justice," in subsection (b), by replacing "prescribed herein" with
509 "prescribed in subsection (a) of this Code section".

510 (5) Code Section 38-2-1139, relating to redress of injuries to private property, complaint,
511 investigating board, and assessment under the "Georgia Code of Military Justice," in
512 subsection (a), by replacing "charges herein authorized" with "charges authorized by this
513 Code section".

514 (6) Code Section 38-3-165, relating to recognition of volunteer health practitioners licensed
515 in other states in regard to the "Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act," in
516 subsection (b), by replacing "this Code Section" with "this Code section".

517 **SECTION 39.**

518 Reserved.

519 **SECTION 40.**

520 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
521 amended in:

522 (1) Code Section 40-1-23, relating to regulatory compliance inspections, notification,
523 contacts with state, permit required for transporting hazardous materials, escorts or
524 inspections, exceptions, recovery for damage or discharge, civil monetary penalties, routing
525 agencies, and adoption of regulations, in subsection (i), by deleting "35-2-56 [repealed] or"
526 following "Code Section".

527 (2) Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration and licensing of manufacturers,
528 distributors, and dealers, dealer plates, and calculation of registration requirements, in
529 subparagraph (a)(4)(C), by deleting the comma following "this Code section".

530 (3) Code Section 40-2-152, relating to fees for apportionable vehicles and restricted license
531 plates for vehicles, in subparagraph (m)(2)(B), by replacing "statewide" with "state wide".

532 (4) Code Section 40-5-1, relating to definitions regarding drivers' licenses, in the
533 undesignated text at the end of paragraph (15), by replacing "U.S. Immigration and
534 Naturalization Service" with "United States Immigration and Naturalization Service".

535 (5) Code Section 40-5-21, relating to exemptions regarding issuance, expiration, and
 536 renewal of licenses of motor vehicles generally, at the end of paragraph (a)(2), by replacing
 537 the period with a semicolon and in paragraph (a)(11), by replacing "The Driver Training
 538 School License Act." with "The Driver Training School and Commercial Driver Training
 539 School License Act."

540 (6) Code Section 40-5-22, relating to persons not to be licensed, minimum ages for
 541 licensees, school enrollment requirements, driving training requirements, and limited driving
 542 permits, in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2), by replacing "instructional permit" with "instruction
 543 permit" each time the phrase appears.

544 (7) Code Section 40-5-24, relating to instruction permits, graduated licensing and related
 545 restrictions, and temporary licenses, in subparagraph (a)(1)(B), by replacing "instructional
 546 permit" with "instruction permit".

547 (8) Code Section 40-5-25, relating to applications, fees, waiver of fees, and provisions for
 548 voluntary participation in various programs, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "instructional
 549 permit" with "instruction permit".

550 (9) Code Section 40-5-27, relating to examination of motor vehicle applicants, in
 551 paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2), by replacing "instructional permit" with "instruction permit"
 552 each time the phrase appears.

553 (10) Code Section 40-5-64, relating to limited driving permits for certain offenders, in
 554 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "ignition interlock limited driving permit" with "ignition
 555 interlock device limited driving permit".

556 (11) Code Section 40-5-66, relating to appeals from decisions of department, in
 557 subsection (a), by replacing "his" with "his or her".

558 (12) Code Section 40-5-75, relating to suspension of licenses by operation of law and
 559 reinstatement, in paragraph (g)(1), by replacing "Upon July 1, 2016," with "Effective
 560 July 1, 2016,".

561 (13) Code Section 40-5-81, relating to program optional, certification and approval of
 562 courses, and prohibited behavior by a clinic or program, in the introductory language of
 563 subsection (d), by inserting a comma following "merchant gift cards".

564 **SECTION 41.**

565 Reserved.

566 **SECTION 42.**

567 Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended
 568 in:

569 (1) Code Section 42-8-1, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.

570 (2) Code Section 42-8-108, relating to quarterly report to judge and council and records to
 571 be open for inspection, in subsection (b), by inserting "the" preceding "Department of
 572 Corrections" and "State Board of Pardons and Paroles".

573 (3) Code Section 42-8-109.2, relating to confidentiality of records, in subsection (a), by
 574 inserting "the" preceding "Department of Corrections" and "State Board of Pardons and
 575 Paroles".

576 **SECTION 43.**

577 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
 578 is amended in:

579 (1) Code Section 43-5-1, relating to definitions regarding athletic trainers, by inserting "As
 580 used in this chapter, the term:" preceding paragraph (1).

581 (2) Code Section 43-10A-7, relating to licensing requirement and exceptions for professional
 582 counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, in paragraph (b)(8), by
 583 replacing "Georgia Board of Workers' Compensation" with "State Board of Workers'
 584 Compensation"; in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(15), by replacing
 585 "Counselors" with "Counselors" and by deleting "association" following "which"; in
 586 subparagraph (b)(15.1)(B), by replacing "Counselor's" with "Counselors"; and in
 587 paragraph (b)(17), by replacing "Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and
 588 Visually Handicapped" with "Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving People with
 589 Blindness or Visual Impairment".

590 (3) Code Section 43-28-15, relating to exceptions to operation of chapter, in paragraph (8),
 591 by replacing "Georgia Board of Workers' Compensation" with "State Board of Workers'
 592 Compensation".

593 (4) Code Section 43-34-8, relating to authority of the Georgia Composite Medical Board to
 594 refuse a license, certificate, or permit or issue discipline, suspension, restoration,
 595 investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions,
 596 in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "connected therewith, or practiced fraud" with "connected
 597 therewith; practiced fraud" and by replacing "pursuant to this chapter, or" with "pursuant to
 598 this chapter; or", in paragraph (a)(5), by replacing "or had other disciplinary" with "had other
 599 disciplinary", in paragraph (a)(7), by replacing "which conduct or practice need not" with
 600 "which need not", in paragraph (a)(9), by replacing "or knowingly aided," with "knowingly
 601 aided," and by replacing "or knowingly performed" with "knowingly performed", in
 602 paragraph (a)(10), by replacing "which law, rule, or regulation" with "when such law, rule,
 603 or regulation", by replacing "such action is violative" with "such action violates", and by
 604 replacing "order of the board, previously entered" with "order of the board previously
 605 entered", in the introductory language of paragraph (a)(13), by inserting "(A)" following the

606 paragraph number and by replacing the colon with a period at the end, in
 607 subparagraph (a)(13)(A), by replacing "(A)" with "(B)" and by replacing the semicolon with
 608 a period at the end, in subparagraph (a)(13)(B), by replacing "(B)" with "(C)" and by
 609 replacing "; and" with a period at the end, in subparagraph (a)(13)(C), by replacing "(C)"
 610 with "(D)", by replacing "subparagraph (A) of this paragraph" with "subparagraph (B) of this
 611 paragraph", and by replacing "subparagraph (B) of this paragraph" with "subparagraph (C)
 612 of this paragraph", in paragraph (a)(16), by replacing "provided, however that" with
 613 "provided, however, that", in paragraph (a)(20), by replacing "Occupational Safety and
 614 Health Administration (OSHA) standards;" with "Occupational Safety and Health
 615 Administration standards;", and at the end of subparagraph (a)(24)(A), by replacing the colon
 616 with a semicolon; in subparagraph (b)(1)(K), by replacing "which actions shall be kept
 617 confidential," with "which shall be kept confidential", and in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing
 618 "which probation may be vacated" with "which may be vacated".

619 (5) Code Section 43-34-33, relating to institutional licenses for medical practice, in
 620 subsection (d), by replacing "Drug Enforcement Agency" with "United States Drug
 621 Enforcement Administration".

622 (6) Code Section 43-34-123, relating to Controlled Substances Therapeutic Research
 623 Program, in subsection (a), by replacing "the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency, the Food
 624 and Drug Administration," with "the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the
 625 United States Food and Drug Administration," and in subsection (d), by replacing "federal
 626 Food and Drug Administration" with "United States Food and Drug Administration".

627 (7) Code Section 43-34-125, relating to receipt of marijuana by board, distribution, and
 628 responsibility for costs of obtaining and testing marijuana, in subsection (a), by replacing
 629 "the Food and Drug Administration, and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency" with "the
 630 United States Food and Drug Administration, and the United States Drug Enforcement
 631 Administration".

632 (8) Code Section 43-44-7, relating to license required for speech-language pathologists and
 633 audiologists, exemptions, and posting license, by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) of
 634 subsection (i) as new subsections (j) and (k), respectively.

635 **SECTION 44.**

636 Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in:

637 (1) Code Section 44-2-2, relating to the duty of clerk to record certain transaction affecting
 638 real estate and personal property, priority or recorded instruments, and effect of recording
 639 on rights between parties to instruments, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "For the purpose
 640 of this subsection, 'liens' shall be defined" with "As used in this subsection, the term 'liens'
 641 shall have the same meaning".

642 (2) Code Section 44-3-74, relating to recording condominium instruments, plats, plans, and
 643 encumbrances, in subsection (b), by replacing "plats" with "plat".

644 **SECTION 45.**

645 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,
 646 is amended in:

647 (1) Code Section 45-22-2, relating to definitions regarding the "Public Employee Hazardous
 648 Chemical Protection and Right to Know Act," by replacing "CFR" with "C.F.R." each time
 649 the term appears.

650 **SECTION 46.**

651 Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public
 652 transportation, is amended in:

653 (1) Code Section 46-8-331, relating to incorporation, control, and management of interurban,
 654 suburban, and street railroads, in the last sentence, by deleting "; provided, further, that
 655 nothing in Code Section 46-8-127, which provides that the general direction and location of
 656 railroads sought to be constructed in this state shall be ten miles from a railroad constructed
 657 or laid out and selected to be constructed, shall be applicable to street, suburban, or
 658 interurban railways, or the selection of the route or the construction of the same".

659 (2) Code Section 46-9-7, relating to time of accrual of actions under Code Sections 46-9-5
 660 and 46-9-6, by replacing "Code Sections 46-9-5 and 46-9-6," with "Code Section 46-9-6,".

661 **SECTION 47.**

662 Reserved.

663 **SECTION 48.**

664 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is
 665 amended in:

666 (1) Code Section 48-1-3, relating to forms and filings prior to January 1, 1980, by replacing
 667 "tax-related" with "tax related".

668 (2) Code Section 48-1-8, relating to computer software, in subsection (c), by replacing
 669 "under Chapter 5 or Chapter 8" with "under Chapter 5 or 8".

670 (3) Code Section 48-2-9, relating to powers of commissioner in tax proceedings and
 671 assistance by Attorney General, by replacing "in behalf of this state" with "in behalf of the
 672 state" and by replacing "obligation of any person including any public official" with
 673 "obligation of any person, including any public official,".

674 (4) Code Section 48-2-12, relating to rules and regulations and forms relative to state
675 administrative organization, in subsection (d), by deleting "with respect" following "shall
676 apply".

677 (5) Code Section 48-2-100, relating to the short title, definitions, legislative findings, certain
678 exemptions for out-of-state businesses and employees conducting operations related to
679 declared state of emergency, and post-emergency application of state laws and requirements,
680 in paragraph (g)(1), by replacing "business' name" with "business's name".

681 (6) Code Section 48-3-3, relating to executions by tax collectors and commissioners, in
682 subsection (d), by replacing "that person" with "such person".

683 (7) Code Section 48-3-19, relating to transfer of tax executions, in paragraph (a)(2), by
684 inserting a comma following "undelivered" and by replacing "due diligence shall include
685 checking telephone directories" with "checking telephone directories".

686 (8) Code Section 48-4-104, relating to initial size of board of directors, continuation of land
687 banks created before July 1, 2012, eligibility to serve, selection of chairperson and officers,
688 governing rules and regulations, vacancies, compensation, meetings, quorum, adoption of
689 bylaws, immunity from personal liability, and voting, in paragraph (i)(5), by replacing
690 "\$50,000" with "\$50,000.00".

691 (9) Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions regarding ad valorem taxation of property
692 generally, in paragraph (3), by replacing "if data is available" with "if data are available" and
693 in division (3)(F)(i), by deleting the quotation marks around "brownfield property" and by
694 replacing "'Georgia Hazardous Site Reuse and Redevelopment Act,'" with "'Georgia
695 Brownfield Act,'".

696 (10) Code Section 48-5-7.1, relating to tangible real property devoted to agricultural
697 purposes, definition, persons entitled to preferential tax assessment, covenant to maintain
698 agricultural purposes, and penalty for breach of covenant, in subsection (a), by replacing "For
699 purposes of this article," with "For purposes of this article, the term" and by deleting the
700 quotation marks around "bona fide agricultural purposes".

701 (11) Code Section 48-5-7.3, relating to landmark historic property, in paragraph (a)(1), by
702 replacing "For the purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the
703 term".

704 (12) Code Section 48-5-7.5, relating to assessment of standing timber, penalty for failure to
705 timely report, effect of reduction of property tax digest, and supplemental assessment, in
706 subsection (g), by replacing "Georgia Forestry Commission" with "State Forestry
707 Commission".

708 (13) Code Section 48-5-7.6, relating to the definition of "brownfield property", related
709 definitions, qualifying for preferential assessment, disqualification of property receiving
710 preferential assessment, responsibilities of owners, transfers of property, costs, appeals,

711 creation of lien against property, and extension of preferential assessment, by replacing
712 "Georgia Hazardous Site Reuse and Redevelopment Act," with "Georgia Brownfield Act,"
713 each time the phrase appears.

714 (14) Code Section 48-5-32.1, relating to certification of assessed taxable value of property
715 and method of computation, resolution or ordinance required for millage rate, and
716 advertisement of intent to increase property tax, in paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "be not less
717 than 30 square inches" with "not be less than 30 square inches".

718 (15) Code Section 48-5-41, relating to property exempt from taxation, in paragraph (a)(15),
719 by inserting "the term" following "As used in this paragraph,".

720 (16) Code Section 48-5-48, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veteran,
721 filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, and persons eligible without
722 application, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "who was discharged under honorable
723 conditions" with ", who was discharged under honorable conditions,".

724 (17) Code Section 48-5-48.1, relating to tangible personal property inventory exemption,
725 application, failure to file application as waiver of exemption, denials, and notice of renewals
726 regarding tax exemptions, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "January 1 are stored" with
727 "January 1 is stored".

728 (18) Code Section 48-5-48.2, relating to level 1 freeport exemption and referendum
729 regarding tax exemptions, in paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "January 1, are stored" with
730 "January 1, is stored" and by replacing "which are" with "which is" and in subsection (e), by
731 replacing "80 percent or all of the value" with "80 percent, or all of the value".

732 (19) Code Section 48-5-54, relating to application of homestead exemptions to properties
733 with multiple titleholders and properties held by administrators, executors, or trustees, in
734 subsection (b), by replacing "as long as" with "so long as".

735 (20) Code Section 48-5-180, relating to rate of commissions, commissions where tax
736 collector or tax commissioner is on salary, and commission from fee for sale or transfer of
737 motor vehicle license and plate in certain counties, in subsection (a), by replacing "Net
738 Digest Amount" with "Net Tax Digest Amount", in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "according
739 to the tax net digest" with "according to the net tax digest", and by deleting subsections (d)
740 and (e), which are designated as reserved.

741 (21) Code Sections 48-5-221 through 48-5-231, which are repealed, by designating said
742 Code sections as reserved.

743 (22) Code Section 48-5-269, relating to authority to promulgate rules and regulations
744 regarding uniform books, records, forms, and manuals, and limits on change in current use
745 value of conservation use property, in subsection (b), by replacing "the Georgia Forestry
746 Commission" with "the State Forestry Commission".

- 747 (23) Code Section 48-5-272, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as
748 reserved.
- 749 (24) Code Section 48-5-299, relating to ascertainment of taxable property, assessments
750 against unreturned personal property, penalty for unreturned property, and changing real
751 property values established by appeal in prior year or stipulated by agreement, in
752 paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "writing by the parties" with "writing by both parties".
- 753 (25) Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents,
754 posting notice, and new assessment description, in subsection (f), by inserting the boldface
755 catchline "**Rules and regulations.**" following the subsection (f) designation.
- 756 (26) Code Section 48-5-311, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties,
757 review of assessments, and appeals, in subparagraph (e)(2)(A), by deleting the boldface
758 catchline; in subparagraphs (e)(2)(B), (e)(2)(C), and (e)(6)(A), by replacing "who" with "to
759 whom" each time the term appears; and in paragraph (e)(9), by replacing "This subsection"
760 with "This paragraph".
- 761 (27) Code Section 48-5-342, relating to the commissioner examining tax digests, in
762 paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "his or her finding and," with "his or her finding, and".
- 763 (28) Code Section 48-5-402, relating to public utility property in school districts subject to
764 school tax, returns to show fair market value of property, assessment and collection of school
765 tax by commissioner, and contesting taxability, in subsection (d), by deleting "and Code
766 Section 48-5-403".
- 767 (29) Code Section 48-7-29.5, relating to tax credit for private driver education courses of
768 minors, required documentation, and rules and regulations, in subsection (a), by replacing
769 ""The Driver Training School License Act,"" with ""The Driver Training School and
770 Commercial Driver Training School License Act,"".
- 771 (30) Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic
772 structures and conditions and limitations, in paragraph (g)(2), by replacing "subsection (d)"
773 with "subsection (d) of this Code section".
- 774 (31) Code Section 48-7-29.14, relating to income tax credit for clean energy property, in
775 paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "provided, however, this" with "provided, however, that this".
- 776 (32) Code Section 48-7-30, relating to taxation of nonresident's entire net income derived
777 from activities within state, separate accounting possible, applicability, allowed deductions,
778 and applicability of provisions for corporations to nonresidents, in subsection (a), by
779 replacing "within this state including," with "within this state, including,".
- 780 (33) Code Section 48-7-40.5, relating to tax credits for employers providing approved
781 retraining programs, in subsection (d), by replacing "course work" with "coursework".
- 782 (34) Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to tax credit for film, video, or digital production in
783 state, in paragraph (b)(5), by replacing "Chapter 7 of this title" with "this chapter" and in the

784 undesignated text following subparagraphs (c)(2)(B) and (d)(2)(B), by replacing "Senate
785 Economic Development Committee," with "Senate Economic Development and Tourism
786 Committee,".

787 (35) Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax generally, in
788 paragraph (30), by replacing "service-connected" with "service connected".

789 (36) Code Section 48-8-15, relating to state sales and use taxes applicable to the liquid
790 propane gas commodity sold and delivered for residential heating, legislative findings, and
791 power and duties of commissioner, in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2), by replacing "Office of
792 the Governor" with "office of the Governor" each time the phrase appears.

793 (37) Code Section 48-8-16, relating to ratification of Executive Order on sale of dyed fuel
794 oils, in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "Office of the Governor" with "office of the
795 Governor" each time the phrase appears.

796 (38) Code Section 48-8-17, relating to suspension of collection of taxes on motor fuels and
797 aviation gasoline and ratification of temporary suspension, in subsection (b), by inserting "as
798 it existed on the effective date of this subsection" following "Code Section 48-9-14".

799 (39) Code Section 48-8-18, relating to ratification of Executive Order on pharmaceuticals
800 distributed without cost, in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "Office of the Governor"
801 with "office of the Governor" each time the phrase appears.

802 (40) Code Section 48-8-111, relating to procedure for imposition of tax, resolution or
803 ordinance, notice to county election superintendent, and election, in subsection (d), by
804 replacing "imposing the tax" with "imposing the tax," and by replacing "otherwise the tax"
805 with "otherwise, the tax", and in paragraph (e)(1), by replacing "otherwise such debt" with
806 "otherwise, such debt".

807 (41) Code Section 48-8-202, relating to requirement of municipal ordinance or resolution
808 authorizing tax, voter approval, and form for ballot, in the ballot question in paragraph (c)(1),
809 by deleting the quotation mark preceding "() NO".

810 (42) Code Section 48-8-244, relating to election and ballot for special district transportation
811 sales and use tax, in the ballot question in subsection (b), by deleting the quotation mark
812 preceding "() NO".

813 (43) Code Section 48-8-262, relating to notice, agreement memorializing levy and rate of
814 tax, rate, and resolution required, in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing ".75 percent" with "0.75
815 percent".

816 (44) Code Section 48-8-264, relating to timing of tax for special district mass transportation
817 sales, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing ".05 percent" with "0.05 percent".

818 (45) Code Section 48-8-269.10, relating to procedures, conditions, and limitations for
819 imposition of tax, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing ".75 percent" with "0.75 percent" each
820 time the term appears and by replacing ".05 percent" with "0.05 percent".

821 (46) Code Section 48-8-269.22, relating to the creation of 159 special districts conterminous
822 with geographical boundary of each county and applicability, in subsection (c), by replacing
823 "coterminous" with "conterminous".

824 (47) Code Section 48-8-269.25, relating to procedures, conditions, and limitations for
825 imposition of tax, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing ".75 percent" with "0.75 percent" each
826 time the term appears and by replacing ".05 percent" with "0.05 percent" and at the end of
827 paragraph (c)(2), by replacing the semicolon with a period.

828 (48) Code Section 48-9-9, relating to reports of motor fuel deliveries, persons required to
829 report, procedure, restrictions on delivery, and reports of unlicensed purchasers, in
830 subsection (c), by replacing "transporting motor fuel of not more than five gallons" with
831 "transporting not more than five gallons of motor fuel".

832 (49) Code Section 48-9-16, relating to penalties and interest, untimely return, failure to pay,
833 false or fraudulent returns, failure to file returns, and dyed fuel oil violations regarding motor
834 fuel tax, in subsections (b) and (d), by deleting "or 48-9-14" and in the undesignated text at
835 the end of subsection (e), by inserting a comma following "this subsection".

836 (50) Code Section 48-11-4, relating to licensing of persons engaged in tobacco business,
837 initial and annual fees, suspension and revocation, registration and inspection of vending
838 machines, bond by distributor, jurisdiction, and licensing of promotional activities, in
839 paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "Any dealer that follows" with "Any dealer who follows".

840 (51) Code Section 48-11-5, relating to licensing of nonresident distributors, authorized use
841 of stamps or metering machine, bond, amount, examination of records, service on agent,
842 applicability of chapter to nonresident distributors, and reports of shipments, in
843 paragraph (a)(1), by deleting the comma following "licensed dealers in this state".

844 (52) Code Section 48-11-8, relating to prohibition of sale or possession of unstamped
845 tobacco products, distributors to affix stamps or otherwise pay tax, payment of tax only once,
846 and reports, in subsection (e), by replacing "within the state" with "within this state".

847 (53) Code Section 48-11-9, relating to seizure as contraband of unstamped tobacco products,
848 exceptions, sale at public auction, procedure, disposition of proceeds, hearing, bond, and
849 contraband vending machines, in subparagraph (a)(2)(C), by replacing "outside the state"
850 with "outside this state" and in paragraph (a)(3) and in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing
851 "smokeless tobacco, or property" with "smokeless tobacco, or other property" each time the
852 phrase appears.

853 (54) Code Section 48-11-11, relating to records of distributors and dealers, stock of tobacco
854 products, inspection by commissioner and agents, and inspection of records of transportation
855 companies, carriers, and warehouses, in subsection (a), by replacing "at that licensed
856 location" with "at such licensed location".

857 (55) Code Section 48-11-12, relating to assessment of deficiencies and penalties for
 858 incorrect reports, nonpayment of tax, or purchase of insufficient stamps, assumption of
 859 illegal sale absent evidence to contrary, and penalty for deficiency due to fraud, in
 860 subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "licensed distributor or licensed dealer" with "licensed
 861 distributor or dealer" and in subparagraph (a)(1)(C), by replacing "licensed distributor or
 862 dealer's receipts" with "licensed distributor's or dealer's receipts".

863 (56) Code Section 48-11-13, relating to tax on persons having tobacco products on which
 864 tax under Code Section 48-11-2 not paid, rate, and exemptions, in paragraphs (b)(4), (b)(5),
 865 and (b)(6), by replacing "the state" with "this state".

866 (57) Code Section 48-11-14, relating to registration, reports, and tax payments of persons
 867 acquiring tobacco products subject to tax under Code Section 48-11-13, assessment of tax
 868 due from person failing to file or filing incorrect report, hearing, and penalties, in
 869 subsection (b), by replacing "him" with "him or her".

870 (58) Code Section 48-11-15, relating to procedure for refund of taxes, cost price of affixed
 871 stamps, and tax on tobacco products unfit for sale, use, or consumption and destroyed or
 872 exported, by replacing "shipped out of the state" with "shipped out of this state".

873 (59) Code Section 48-11-19, relating to powers and duties of special agents and enforcement
 874 officers of department, bond, duties following arrests, and retention of weapon and badge
 875 upon retirement, in subsection (a), by replacing "the state" with "this state".

876 (60) Code Section 48-11-23.1, relating to additional requirements on the sale of tobacco
 877 products, seizure and forfeiture of contraband, and revocation of licenses, in paragraph (a)(1),
 878 by replacing "Federal" with "federal" and by replacing "15 U.S.C. Sec. 1331" with
 879 "15 U.S.C. Section 1331" and in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "26 U.S.C. Sec. 5754" with
 880 "26 U.S.C. Section 5754".

881 (61) Code Section 48-13-29, relating to compliance by counties and municipalities with
 882 provisions, electronic or mail application process, payment of fees, establishment of system
 883 of permitting not required, and plans or specifications by mail, in subsection (b), by replacing
 884 "Electronic mail" with "E-mail".

885 (62) Code Section 48-13-51, relating to county and municipal levies on public
 886 accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, by
 887 revising paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(12), as follows:

888 "(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
 889 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may
 890 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 5 percent. A county or municipality
 891 levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year during which
 892 the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to the amount by which the

893 total taxes collected under this Code section exceed the taxes which would be collected
894 at a rate of 3 percent for the purpose of:

- 895 (A) ~~Promoting promoting~~ tourism, conventions, and trade shows;
- 896 (B) ~~Supporting supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a state authority for
897 convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes;
- 898 (C) ~~Supporting supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local government or local
899 authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
900 purposes, if a written agreement to provide such support was in effect on
901 January 1, 1987, and if such facility is substantially completed and in operation prior
902 to July 1, 1987;
- 903 (D) ~~Supporting supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local government or local
904 authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
905 purposes if construction of such facility is funded or was funded prior to July 1, 1990,
906 in whole or in part by a grant of state funds or is funded on or after July 1, 1990, in
907 whole or substantially by an appropriation of state funds;
- 908 (E) ~~Supporting supporting~~ a facility owned by a local government or local authority for
909 convention and trade show purposes and any other similar or related purposes if
910 construction of such facility is substantially funded or was substantially funded on or
911 after February 28, 1985, by a special county 1 percent sales and use tax authorized by
912 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, and if such facility was substantially
913 completed and in operation prior to December 31, 1993; or
- 914 (F) ~~For for~~ some combination of such purposes.

915 Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts with the
916 state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention and visitors
917 bureau authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or a
918 private sector nonprofit organization, or through a contract or contracts with some
919 combination of such entities, except that amounts expended for purposes of
920 subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph may be so expended in any otherwise lawful
921 manner.

922 (3.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
923 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and the municipalities
924 within a county in which a trade and convention center authority has been created by
925 intergovernmental contract between a county and one or more municipalities located
926 therein, and which trade and convention center authority is in existence on or before
927 March 21, 1988, and which trade and convention center authority has not constructed or
928 operated any facility before March 21, 1988, may levy a tax under this Code section at
929 a rate of 6 percent. A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph

930 shall expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph)
 931 an amount equal to at least 62 1/2 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
 932 of 6 percent for the purpose of:

933 (A) ~~Promoting promoting~~ tourism, conventions, and trade shows;

934 (B) ~~Funding funding~~, supporting, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and
 935 equipping buildings, structures, and facilities, including, but not limited to, a trade and
 936 convention center, exhibit hall, conference center, performing arts center,
 937 accommodations facilities including food service, or any combination thereof, for
 938 convention, trade show, athletic, musical, theatrical, cultural, civic, and performing arts
 939 purposes and other events and activities for similar and related purposes, acquiring the
 940 necessary property therefor, both real and personal, and funding all expenses incident
 941 thereto, and supporting, maintaining, and promoting such facilities owned, operated,
 942 or leased by or to the local trade and convention center authority; or

943 (C) ~~For for~~ some combination of such purposes;

944 provided, however, that at least 50 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
 945 of 6 percent shall be expended for the purposes specified in subparagraph (B) of this
 946 paragraph. Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts
 947 with the state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention and
 948 visitors bureau authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality,
 949 a local building authority created by local constitutional amendment, and a trade and
 950 convention center authority created by intergovernmental contract between a county and
 951 one or more municipalities located therein, or a private sector nonprofit organization or
 952 through a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities. The aggregate
 953 amount of all excise taxes imposed under this paragraph and all sales and use taxes, and
 954 other taxes imposed by a county or municipality, or both, shall not exceed 13 percent.
 955 Any tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate not later than
 956 December 31, 2029, provided that during any period during which there remains
 957 outstanding any obligation issued to fund a facility as contemplated by this paragraph,
 958 secured in whole or in part by a pledge of a tax authorized under this Code section, the
 959 powers of the counties and municipalities to impose and distribute the tax imposed by this
 960 paragraph shall not be diminished or impaired by the state and no county or municipality
 961 levying the tax imposed by this paragraph shall cease to levy the tax in any manner that
 962 will impair the interests and rights of the holder of any such obligation. This proviso
 963 shall be for the benefit of the holder of any such obligation and, upon the issuance of any
 964 such obligation by a building authority created by local constitutional amendment, shall
 965 constitute a contract with the holder of such obligation. Notwithstanding any other
 966 provision of this Code section to the contrary, as used in this paragraph, the term: 'fund'

967 or 'funding' shall include the cost and expense of all things deemed necessary by a
 968 building authority created by local constitutional amendment for the construction and
 969 operation of a facility or facilities including but not limited to the study, operation,
 970 marketing, acquisition, construction, financing, including the payment of principal and
 971 interest on any obligation of the building authority created by local constitutional
 972 amendment and any obligation of the building authority created by local constitutional
 973 amendment to refund any prior obligation of the building authority created by local
 974 constitutional amendment, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land,
 975 waters, property, streets, highways, buildings, structures, equipment, or facilities and the
 976 repayment of any obligation incurred by an authority in connection therewith; 'obligation'
 977 shall include bonds, notes, or any instrument creating an obligation to pay or reserve
 978 moneys and having an initial term of not more than 37 years; and 'facility' or 'facilities'
 979 shall mean any of the buildings, structures, and facilities described in subparagraph (B)
 980 of this paragraph and any associated parking areas or improvements originally owned or
 981 operated incident to the ownership or operation of such facility used for any purpose or
 982 purposes specified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by a building authority created
 983 by local constitutional amendment.

984 (3.2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
 985 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and the
 986 municipalities within a county in which a trade and convention center facility is
 987 substantially funded by a special county 1 percent sales and use tax authorized by
 988 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, which tax was levied prior to
 989 January 1, 1994, and is substantially funded by a state grant or grants authorized on or
 990 before January 1, 1996, may levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 6 percent. A
 991 county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each
 992 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 993 to 33 1/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for the purpose of
 994 promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows under a contract with a private sector
 995 nonprofit organization ~~as defined in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8) of this subsection.~~
 996 In addition to the amounts required to be expended ~~above~~ by this paragraph, a county or
 997 municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall further expend (in each fiscal
 998 year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 999 to 16 2/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for the purpose of
 1000 either marketing or operating trade and convention facilities. Marketing and operating
 1001 expenditures may include a preopening marketing program for such a facility and an
 1002 escrow account accrued prior to opening such facility to cover operating expenses to be
 1003 incurred after the opening of such a facility. In the event such facility is not constructed,

1004 collected funds may be used for any lawful purpose relating to tourism by the county or
1005 municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph.

1006 (3.3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
1007 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and the
1008 municipalities within a county in which a trade and convention center facility is
1009 substantially funded by a special county 1 percent sales and use tax authorized by
1010 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, which tax was levied prior to
1011 January 1, 1994, and which facility was completed and in operation prior to
1012 December 31, 1994, and which county and municipalities have not previously levied a 6
1013 percent tax under paragraph (4) of this subsection, may levy a tax under this Code section
1014 at a rate of 6 percent. A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph
1015 shall expend for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows in each
1016 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph an amount which is
1017 equal to (A) an amount which is not less than the amount which would have been spent
1018 if the tax rate had not been increased to 6 percent and if the same percentage of tax
1019 collections expended for such purposes during the immediately preceding fiscal year
1020 were expended for such purposes during the current fiscal year plus (B) an amount equal
1021 to 16 2/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent.

1022 (3.4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
1023 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may
1024 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 6 percent. A county or municipality
1025 levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year during which
1026 the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to the amount by which the
1027 total taxes collected under this Code section exceed the taxes which would be collected
1028 at a rate of 3 percent for the purpose of:

1029 (A) Promoting ~~promoting~~ tourism, conventions, and trade shows;

1030 (B) Supporting ~~supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a state authority for
1031 convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes;

1032 (C) Supporting ~~supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local government or local
1033 authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
1034 purposes, if a written agreement to provide such support was in effect on
1035 January 1, 1987, and if such facility is substantially completed and in operation prior
1036 to July 1, 1987;

1037 (D) Supporting ~~supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local government or local
1038 authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
1039 purposes if construction of such facility is funded or was funded prior to July 1, 1990,

1040 in whole or in part by a grant of state funds or is funded on or after July 1, 1990, in
 1041 whole or substantially by an appropriation of state funds;

1042 (E) ~~Supporting~~ supporting a facility owned by a local government or local authority for
 1043 convention and trade show purposes and any other similar or related purposes if
 1044 construction of such facility is substantially funded or was substantially funded on or
 1045 after February 28, 1985, by a special county 1 percent sales and use tax authorized by
 1046 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, and if such facility was substantially
 1047 completed and in operation prior to December 31, 1993; or

1048 (F) ~~For~~ for some combination of such purposes.

1049 Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts with the
 1050 state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention and visitors
 1051 bureau authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or a
 1052 private sector nonprofit organization, or through a contract or contracts with some
 1053 combination of such entities, except that amounts expended for the purposes specified in
 1054 subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph may be so expended in any otherwise lawful
 1055 manner. In addition to the amounts otherwise required to be expended under this
 1056 paragraph, a county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall further
 1057 expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an
 1058 amount equal to $16 \frac{2}{3}$ percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for
 1059 promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows. Amounts so expended shall be
 1060 expended only through a contract or contracts with the state, a department of state
 1061 government, a state authority, a convention and visitors bureau authority created by local
 1062 Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or a private sector nonprofit
 1063 organization, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities.

1064 (3.5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a local
 1065 consolidated government (within the territorial limits of the special district located within
 1066 the county the boundary of which is conterminous with that of such local consolidated
 1067 government) may levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 6 percent. A local
 1068 consolidated government levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each
 1069 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to the
 1070 amount by which the total taxes collected under this Code section exceed the taxes which
 1071 would be collected at a rate of 3 percent for the purpose of promoting tourism,
 1072 conventions, and trade shows through a contract with a private sector nonprofit
 1073 organization. In addition to the amounts thus required to be expended, a local
 1074 consolidated government levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall further expend (in
 1075 each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal

1076 to 16 2/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for the purpose of
1077 supporting a civic center owned and operated by the local consolidated government.

1078 (3.6) Reserved.

1079 (3.7)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
1080 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may
1081 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 6 percent. A county or municipality
1082 levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year during which
1083 the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to the amount by which the
1084 total taxes collected under this Code section exceed the taxes which would be collected
1085 at a rate of 3 percent for the purpose of:

1086 (i) Promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows;

1087 (ii) Supporting a facility owned or operated by a state authority for convention and
1088 trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes;

1089 (iii) Supporting a facility owned or operated by a local government or local authority
1090 for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes, if a
1091 written agreement to provide such support was in effect on January 1, 1987, and if
1092 such facility is substantially completed and in operation prior to July 1, 1987;

1093 (iv) Supporting a facility owned or operated by a local government or local authority
1094 for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes if
1095 construction of such facility is funded or was funded prior to July 1, 1990, in whole
1096 or in part by a grant of state funds or is funded on or after July 1, 1990, in whole or
1097 substantially by an appropriation of state funds;

1098 (v) Supporting a facility owned by a local government or local authority for
1099 convention and trade show purposes and any other similar or related purposes if
1100 construction of such facility is substantially funded or was substantially funded on or
1101 after February 28, 1985, by a special county 1 percent sales and use tax authorized by
1102 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, and if such facility was substantially
1103 completed and in operation prior to December 31, 1993; or

1104 (vi) For some combination of such purposes.

1105 (B) Amounts expended pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be
1106 expended only through a contract or contracts with the state, a department of state
1107 government, a state authority, a convention and visitors bureau authority created by
1108 local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or a private sector nonprofit
1109 organization, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities,
1110 except that amounts expended pursuant to division (iii) or (iv) of subparagraph (A) of
1111 this paragraph may be so expended in any otherwise lawful manner.

1112 (3.8)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
 1113 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may
 1114 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 8 percent if there is located in such county
 1115 or municipality an international horse park which was used in Olympic Games
 1116 competition and which was in operation prior to January 1, 1999. A county or
 1117 municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year
 1118 during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to the amount
 1119 by which the total taxes collected under this Code section exceed the taxes which would
 1120 be collected at a rate of 4 percent for the purpose of:

- 1121 (i) Promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows; or
- 1122 (ii) Supporting a publicly owned facility operated for convention and trade show
 1123 purposes or any other similar or related purposes.

1124 (B) Amounts expended pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be
 1125 expended only through a contract or contracts with the state, a department of state
 1126 government, a state authority, a convention and visitors bureau authority created by
 1127 local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or a private sector nonprofit
 1128 organization, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities.

1129 (C) In addition to the other amounts required to be expended under this paragraph, a
 1130 county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall further expend (in
 1131 each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 1132 to $16 \frac{2}{3}$ percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 8 percent for the purpose of
 1133 constructing, developing, supporting, and operating a nature center, nature park,
 1134 wetlands education center, or nature museum for educational and recreational purposes
 1135 or any other similar purposes. Amounts which are expended to meet the $16 \frac{2}{3}$ percent
 1136 expenditure requirement of this subparagraph shall not be subject to the provisions of
 1137 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph requiring expenditure through a contract or
 1138 contracts with certain entities.

1139 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
 1140 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may levy
 1141 a tax under this Code section at a rate of 6 percent. A county or municipality levying a
 1142 tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is
 1143 collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to at least $43 \frac{1}{3}$ percent of the total
 1144 taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for the purpose of: (A) promoting tourism,
 1145 conventions, and trade shows; (B) supporting a facility owned or operated by a state
 1146 authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
 1147 purposes; (C) supporting a facility owned or operated by a local authority or local
 1148 government for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related

1149 purposes, if a written agreement to provide such support was in effect on January 1, 1987,
1150 and if such facility is substantially completed and in operation prior to July 1, 1987;
1151 (D) supporting a facility owned or operated by a local government or local authority for
1152 convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes if
1153 construction of such facility is funded or was funded prior to July 1, 1990, in whole or
1154 in part by a grant of state funds or is funded on or after July 1, 1990, in whole or
1155 substantially by an appropriation of state funds; (E) supporting a facility owned by a local
1156 government or local authority for convention and trade show purposes and any other
1157 similar or related purposes if construction of such facility is substantially funded or was
1158 substantially funded on or after February 28, 1985, by a special county 1 percent sales
1159 and use tax authorized by Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, and such
1160 facility was substantially completed and in operation prior to December 31, 1993; or
1161 (F) for some combination of such purposes. Amounts so expended shall be expended
1162 only through a contract or contracts with the state, a department of state government, a
1163 state authority, a convention and visitors bureau authority created by local Act of the
1164 General Assembly for a municipality, or a private sector nonprofit organization, or
1165 through a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities, except that
1166 amounts expended for purposes (C) and (D) may be so expended in any otherwise lawful
1167 manner. In addition to the amounts required to be expended above, a county or
1168 municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall further expend (in each fiscal
1169 year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to at
1170 least 1 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for the purpose of
1171 supporting a museum of aviation and aviation hall of fame or an amount equal to at
1172 least 16 2/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 6 percent for the purpose of:
1173 (A) construction or expansion of either: (i) a facility owned or operated by a state
1174 authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
1175 purposes; (ii) a facility owned or operated by a local authority or local government for
1176 convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes, if such
1177 support is provided to a governmental entity with which the county or municipality
1178 levying the tax had in effect on January 1, 1987, a contractual agreement concerning
1179 governmental support of a convention and trade show facility; (iii) a facility owned or
1180 operated for convention and trade show purposes, visitor welcome center purposes, or
1181 any other similar or related purposes by a convention and visitors bureau authority
1182 created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality; (iv) a facility owned or
1183 operated for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes
1184 by a coliseum and exhibit hall authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for
1185 a county and one or more municipalities therein; (v) a facility owned by a local

1186 government or local authority for convention and trade show purposes and any other
 1187 similar or related purposes if construction of such facility is substantially funded or was
 1188 substantially funded on or after February 28, 1985, by a special county 1 percent sales
 1189 and use tax authorized by Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, and such
 1190 facility was substantially completed and in operation prior to December 31, 1993; (vi) a
 1191 system of bicycle or pedestrian trails or walkways or both connecting a historic district
 1192 within the levying county or municipality and surrounding areas (and with respect to this
 1193 purpose (vi) construction and expansion shall include acquisition and development), if
 1194 not later than December 1, 1993, the county or municipality has adopted ordinances,
 1195 resolutions, or contracts which: (I) designate such historic district; (II) obligate the county
 1196 or municipality to provide funds to promote tourism to a historic district owners and
 1197 business association which qualifies as a private sector nonprofit organization under
 1198 ~~subparagraph (a)(8)(A) of this Code section~~ and Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal
 1199 Revenue Code; (III) provide a 'comprehensive plan' as provided for in Chapters 70 and 71
 1200 of Title 36; (IV) provide a transportation plan as a component of such comprehensive
 1201 plan; and (V) provide a recreation plan which is designed to identify recreation needs
 1202 through the year 2000 and which includes provisions for such system of trails or
 1203 walkways or both; provided that the authority to expend funds for such system of trails
 1204 or walkways or both shall expire when all capital costs of the initial acquisition,
 1205 construction, and development of such system as identified in the relevant plan have been
 1206 paid and in no event later than July 1, 2002. Amounts so expended to meet
 1207 such 16 2/3 percent expenditure requirement shall not be subject to the foregoing
 1208 provisions of this paragraph requiring expenditure through a contract or contracts with
 1209 certain entities; or (vii) a system of bicycle or pedestrian greenways, trails, walkways, or
 1210 any combination thereof connecting a downtown historic or business district within the
 1211 levying county or municipality and surrounding areas (and with respect to this purpose
 1212 (vii) construction and expansion shall include acquisition and development), if not later
 1213 than December 1, 2000, the county or municipality has adopted ordinances, resolutions,
 1214 or contracts which: (I) designate such historic or downtown business district; (II) obligate
 1215 the county or municipality to provide funds to promote tourism to a downtown business
 1216 district owners and business association or chamber of commerce which qualifies as a
 1217 private sector nonprofit organization under ~~subparagraph (a)(8)(A) of this Code section~~
 1218 ~~and~~ Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code; (III) provide a 'comprehensive plan'
 1219 as provided for in Chapters 70 and 71 of Title 36; (IV) provide a transportation plan as
 1220 a component of such comprehensive plan; and (V) provide a recreation plan as a
 1221 component of such comprehensive plan which includes provisions for such system of
 1222 trails or walkways or both; provided that the authority to expend funds for such system

1223 of trails or walkways or both shall expire when all capital costs of the initial acquisition,
 1224 construction, and development of such system as identified in the relevant plan have been
 1225 paid and in no event later than July 1, 2025; or (B) promoting tourism, conventions, and
 1226 trade shows. Amounts so expended to meet such 16 2/3 percent expenditure requirement
 1227 shall not be subject to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph requiring expenditure
 1228 through a contract or contracts with certain entities.

1229 (4.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
 1230 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality within
 1231 a county in which a coliseum authority has been created by local Act of the General
 1232 Assembly and which authority is in existence on or before July 1, 1963, for the purpose
 1233 of owning or operating a facility, may levy a tax under this Code section at a rate
 1234 of 7 percent. A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall
 1235 expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an
 1236 amount equal to at least 62 1/2 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent
 1237 for the purpose of:

- 1238 (A) ~~Promoting~~ promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows;
- 1239 (B) ~~Funding~~ funding and supporting a facility owned or operated by such coliseum
 1240 authority; or
- 1241 (C) ~~For~~ for some combination of such purposes.

1242 Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts with the
 1243 state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention and visitors
 1244 bureau authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, a local
 1245 coliseum authority, or a private sector nonprofit organization, or through a contract or
 1246 contracts with some combination of such entities, except that amounts expended for the
 1247 purpose of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph may be so expended in any otherwise
 1248 lawful manner without the necessity of a contract. The aggregate amount of all excise
 1249 taxes imposed under this paragraph and all sales and use taxes, and other taxes imposed
 1250 by a county or municipality, or both, shall not exceed 12 percent. Any tax levied
 1251 pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate not later than December 31, 2028, provided that
 1252 during any period during which there remains outstanding any obligation which is
 1253 incurred prior to January 1, 1995, issued to fund a facility as contemplated by this
 1254 paragraph, and secured in whole or in part by a pledge of a tax authorized under this Code
 1255 section, the powers of the counties and municipalities to impose and distribute the tax
 1256 imposed by this paragraph shall not be diminished or impaired by the state and no county
 1257 or municipality levying the tax imposed by this paragraph shall cease to levy the tax in
 1258 any manner that will impair the interest and rights of the holders of any such obligation.
 1259 This proviso shall be for the benefit of the holder of any such obligation and, upon the

1260 issuance of any such obligation by a coliseum and exhibit hall authority, shall constitute
1261 a contract with the holder of such obligations. Notwithstanding any other provision of
1262 this Code section to the contrary, as used in this paragraph, the term: 'fund' and 'funding'
1263 shall include the cost and expense of all things deemed necessary by a local coliseum
1264 authority for the construction, renovation, and operation of a facility including but not
1265 limited to the study, operation, marketing, acquisition, construction, finance,
1266 development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, streets,
1267 highways, buildings, structures, equipment, or facilities, and the repayment of any
1268 obligation incurred by a local coliseum authority in connection therewith; 'obligation'
1269 shall include bonds, notes, or any instrument creating an obligation to pay or reserve
1270 moneys incurred prior to January 1, 1995, and having an initial term of not more than 30
1271 years; and 'facility' shall mean a coliseum or other facility and any associated parking
1272 areas or improvements originally owned or operated incident to the ownership or
1273 operation of a facility used for convention and trade show purposes or amusement
1274 purposes, educational purposes, or a combination thereof and for fairs, expositions, or
1275 exhibitions in connection therewith by a local coliseum authority.

1276 (4.2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a local
1277 consolidated government (within the territorial limits of the special district located within
1278 the county the boundary of which is conterminous with that of such local consolidated
1279 government) may levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 7 percent. A local
1280 consolidated government levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each
1281 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to the
1282 amount by which the total taxes collected under this Code section exceed the taxes which
1283 would be collected at a rate of 3 percent as follows: an amount equal to 28.58 of the total
1284 taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions,
1285 and trade shows through a contract with a private sector nonprofit organization, an
1286 authority created by local Act of the General Assembly, or through a contract or contracts
1287 with any combination of such entities; an amount equal to 14.29 percent of the total taxes
1288 collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of supporting a civic center owned or
1289 operated, or both, by the local consolidated government; and an amount equal
1290 to 14.29 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of
1291 maintaining and operating a performing arts facility.

1292 (4.3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
1293 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may
1294 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 7 percent. A county or municipality
1295 levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year during which
1296 the tax is collected under this paragraph) amounts as follows: an amount equal to 28.58

1297 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of promoting
 1298 tourism, conventions, and trade shows which amount shall be expended only through a
 1299 contract or contracts with the state, a department of state government, a state authority,
 1300 an authority created by local Act of the General Assembly, or a private sector nonprofit
 1301 organization, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities;
 1302 and an amount equal to 28.58 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent
 1303 for the purpose of supporting a conference and convention center facility or similar
 1304 facility owned or operated by an authority created by local Act of the General Assembly
 1305 for convention and conference center purposes or any other similar or related purposes,
 1306 if a written agreement to provide such support was in effect on or prior to July 1, 1997,
 1307 and if such conference and convention center facility or similar facility is substantially
 1308 completed and in operation prior to December 31, 2001, which amounts shall be
 1309 expended only through a contract or contracts with the state or an authority created by
 1310 local Act of the General Assembly.

1311 (4.4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
 1312 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and municipalities
 1313 within a county in which community auditorium or theater facilities owned and operated
 1314 by the municipality or by a local authority created by local Act of the General Assembly
 1315 for such purpose have been renovated which renovations are completed substantially on
 1316 or before January 1, 2000, may levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 7 percent.
 1317 A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each
 1318 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 1319 to 28.58 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of
 1320 promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows under a contract with a private sector
 1321 nonprofit organization ~~defined in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8) of this subsection;~~
 1322 and an amount equal to 28.58 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent
 1323 for the purpose of either marketing or operating community auditorium or theater
 1324 facilities or a community convention or trade center of which the theater or auditorium
 1325 is a part. Marketing and operating expenditures may include a preopening marketing
 1326 program for such facilities and an escrow account accrued prior to opening such facilities
 1327 to cover operating expenses to be incurred after the opening of such facilities.

1328 (4.5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
 1329 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality may
 1330 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 7 percent. A county or municipality
 1331 levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each fiscal year during which
 1332 the tax is collected under this paragraph) amounts as follows:

1333 (A) ~~An an~~ amount equal to 28.58 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
1334 of 7 percent for the purpose of:

- 1335 (i) ~~Promoting promoting~~ tourism, conventions, and trade shows;
1336 (ii) ~~Supporting supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a state authority for
1337 convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes;
1338 (iii) ~~Supporting supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local government or
1339 local authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related
1340 purposes; or
1341 (iv) ~~For for~~ some combination of such purposes.

1342 Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts with the
1343 state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention and visitors
1344 bureau authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or
1345 a private sector nonprofit organization, or through a contract or contracts with some
1346 combination of such entities, except that amounts expended for the purpose of
1347 division (iii) of this subparagraph may be so expended in any otherwise lawful manner;
1348 and

1349 (B) ~~An an~~ amount equal to 28.58 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
1350 of 7 percent for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and marketing of a conference
1351 center facility.

1352 (4.6)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
1353 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality within
1354 a county in which a convention center authority has been created by local Act of the
1355 General Assembly and which authority is in existence on or before July 1, 2001, for the
1356 purpose of owning or operating a facility may levy a tax under this Code section at a
1357 rate of 5 percent. A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph
1358 shall expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph)
1359 an amount equal to at least 40 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 5 percent
1360 for the purpose of:

- 1361 ~~(A)(i) Promoting promoting~~ tourism, conventions, and trade shows;
1362 ~~(B)(ii) Funding funding~~ and supporting a facility owned or operated by such
1363 convention and visitors authority; or
1364 ~~(C)(iii) For for~~ some combination of such purposes.

1365 Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts with the
1366 state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention center authority
1367 created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality, or a private sector
1368 nonprofit organization, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of
1369 such entities, except that amounts expended for the purpose (B) of division (ii) of this

1370 subparagraph may be so expended in any otherwise lawful manner without the
1371 necessity of a contract. Any tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate not
1372 later than December 31, 2037, provided that during any period during which there
1373 remains outstanding any obligation issued to fund a facility as contemplated by this
1374 paragraph, and secured in whole or in part by a pledge of a tax authorized under this
1375 Code section, the powers of the counties and municipalities to impose and distribute the
1376 tax imposed by this paragraph shall not be diminished or impaired by the state, and no
1377 county or municipality levying the tax imposed by this paragraph shall cease to levy the
1378 tax in any manner that will impair the interest and rights of the holders of any such
1379 obligation. This proviso shall be for the benefit of the holder of any such obligation
1380 and, upon the issuance of any such obligation by a convention center authority, shall
1381 constitute a contract with the holder of such obligations. Notwithstanding any other
1382 provision of this Code section to the contrary, as used in this paragraph, the terms 'fund'
1383 and 'funding' shall include the cost and expense of all things deemed necessary by a
1384 local convention center authority for the construction, renovation, and operation of a
1385 facility including, but not limited to, the study, operation, marketing, acquisition,
1386 construction, finance, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land,
1387 waters, property, streets, highways, buildings, structures, equipment, or facilities, and
1388 the repayment of any obligation incurred by a local convention center authority in
1389 connection therewith; 'obligation' shall include bonds, notes, or any instrument creating
1390 an obligation to pay or reserve moneys and having an initial term of not more than 37
1391 years; and 'facility' shall mean a convention center or other facility and any associated
1392 parking areas or improvements originally owned or operated incident to the ownership
1393 or operation of a facility used for convention and trade show purposes or amusement
1394 purposes, educational purposes, or a combination thereof and for fairs, expositions, or
1395 exhibitions in connection therewith by a local convention center authority.

1396 (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subparagraph, a municipality located
1397 within a standard metropolitan statistical area recognized by the United States
1398 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, which is levying a tax at a rate
1399 of 5 percent pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection on or before January 1, 1999,
1400 and in which an interstate highway is located, shall, on and after April 28, 1999, be
1401 authorized to levy and collect a tax under this Code section at a rate of 6 percent. A
1402 municipality levying a tax pursuant to this subparagraph shall expend, in each fiscal
1403 year during which the tax is collected under this subparagraph, an amount equal to the
1404 amount by which the total taxes collected under this subparagraph exceed the taxes
1405 which would have been collected at the rate of 5 percent for the purpose of dispensing
1406 information about the qualities of such municipality and promoting business in the

1407 municipality and to acquire for such use a building located in an area of high density
 1408 retail businesses within the limits of such municipality. During any period during
 1409 which there remains outstanding any obligation issued to fund a facility as
 1410 contemplated by this subparagraph, and secured in whole or in part by a pledge of a tax
 1411 authorized under this Code section, the powers of the counties and municipalities to
 1412 impose and distribute the tax imposed by this subparagraph shall not be diminished or
 1413 impaired by the state, and no county or municipality levying the tax imposed by this
 1414 subparagraph shall cease to levy the tax in any manner that will impair the interest and
 1415 rights of the holders of any such obligation. This proviso shall be for the benefit of the
 1416 holder of any such obligation and, upon the issuance of any such obligation by a
 1417 convention center authority, shall constitute a contract with the holder of such
 1418 obligations.

1419 (4.7) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county (within
 1420 the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and the
 1421 municipalities within a county in which a trade and convention center facility is
 1422 substantially funded by a special county 1 percent sales and use tax authorized by
 1423 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, as amended, which tax was levied prior to
 1424 January 1, 1994, and is substantially funded by a state grant or grants authorized on or
 1425 before January 1, 1996, may levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 7 percent. A
 1426 county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in each
 1427 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 1428 to 28.6 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of
 1429 promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows under a contract with a private sector
 1430 nonprofit organization as defined in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8) of this subsection.
 1431 In addition to the other amounts required to be expended under this paragraph, a county
 1432 or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall further expend (in each
 1433 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 1434 to 14.3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of either
 1435 marketing or operating trade and convention facilities which are managed or operated by
 1436 the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority. Marketing and operating
 1437 expenditures may include a preopening marketing program for such a facility and an
 1438 escrow account accrued prior to opening such facility to cover operating expenses to be
 1439 incurred after the opening of such a facility. In the event such facility is not constructed,
 1440 such 14.3 percent may be used for any lawful purpose relating to tourism by the county
 1441 or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph. In addition to the amounts
 1442 required to be expended under this paragraph, a county or municipality levying a tax
 1443 pursuant to this paragraph shall further expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax

1444 is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal to 14.3 percent of the total taxes
 1445 collected at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of planning, constructing, marketing, or
 1446 operating an attraction honoring the inventor of the cotton gin. Marketing and operating
 1447 expenditures may include a preopening marketing program for such facility and an
 1448 escrow account accrued prior to opening such facility to cover operating expenses to be
 1449 incurred after the opening of such facility. In the event such facility is not constructed,
 1450 such 14.3 percent may be used for any lawful purpose relating to tourism by the county
 1451 or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph.

1452 (5)(A)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
 1453 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) or municipality is
 1454 authorized to levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 7 percent. A county or
 1455 municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend an amount equal
 1456 to at least 51.4 percent of the total taxes collected prior to July 1, 1990, at the rate
 1457 of 7 percent and an amount equal to at least 32.14 percent of the total taxes collected
 1458 on or after July 1, 1990, at the rate of 7 percent for the purpose of:

- 1459 (I) Promoting ~~promoting~~ tourism, conventions, and trade shows;
- 1460 (II) Supporting ~~supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a state authority for
 1461 convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or related purposes;
- 1462 (III) Supporting ~~supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local authority or
 1463 local government for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or
 1464 related purposes, if a written agreement to provide such support was in effect on
 1465 January 1, 1987, and if such facility is substantially completed and in operation
 1466 prior to July 1, 1987;
- 1467 (IV) Supporting ~~supporting~~ a facility owned or operated by a local government or
 1468 local authority for convention and trade show purposes or any other similar or
 1469 related purposes if construction of such facility is funded or was funded in whole
 1470 or in part by a grant of state funds; or
- 1471 (V) For ~~for~~ some combination of such purposes.

1472 Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts with the
 1473 state, a department of state government, a state authority, or a private sector nonprofit
 1474 organization, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of such
 1475 entities, except that amounts expended for those purposes specified in
 1476 subdivisions (III) and (IV) of this division may be so expended in any otherwise
 1477 lawful manner.

1478 (ii) In addition to the amounts required to be expended under division (i) of this
 1479 subparagraph, a county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall
 1480 further expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this

1481 paragraph) an amount equal to 14.3 percent of the total taxes collected prior to
 1482 July 1, 1990, at the rate of 7 percent and an amount equal to 39.3 percent of the total
 1483 taxes collected on or after July 1, 1990, at the rate of 7 percent toward funding a
 1484 multipurpose domed stadium facility. Amounts so expended shall be expended only
 1485 through a contract originally with the state, a department or agency of the state, or a
 1486 state authority, or through a contract or contracts with some combination of the above.
 1487 Any tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate not later than
 1488 December 31, 2020, unless extended as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
 1489 paragraph, provided that during any period during which there remains outstanding
 1490 any obligation which is incurred prior to January 1, 1991, issued to fund a
 1491 multipurpose domed stadium as contemplated by this paragraph, and secured in whole
 1492 or in part by a pledge of a tax authorized under this Code section, or any such
 1493 obligation which is incurred to refund such an obligation incurred before
 1494 January 1, 1991, the powers of the counties and municipalities to impose and
 1495 distribute the tax imposed by this paragraph shall not be diminished or impaired by
 1496 the state and no county or municipality levying the tax imposed by this paragraph
 1497 shall cease to levy the tax in any manner that will impair the interest and rights of the
 1498 holders of any such obligation. This proviso shall be for the benefit of the holder of
 1499 any such obligation and, upon the issuance of any such obligation by an authority of
 1500 the state, shall constitute a contract with the holder of such obligations.

1501 (B) Notwithstanding the termination date stated in division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of
 1502 this paragraph, notwithstanding paragraph (6) of this subsection, and notwithstanding
 1503 subsection (b) of this Code section, a tax levied under this paragraph may be extended
 1504 by resolution of the levying county or municipality and continue to be collected through
 1505 December 31, 2050, if a state authority certifies that:

- 1506 (i) ~~The that the~~ same portion of the proceeds will be used to fund a successor facility
 1507 to the multipurpose domed facility as is currently required to fund the multipurpose
 1508 domed facility under division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;
- 1509 (ii) Such that such successor facility will be located on property owned by the state
 1510 authority; and
- 1511 (iii) ~~The that the~~ state authority has entered into a contract with a national football
 1512 league team for use of the successor facility by the national football league team
 1513 through the end of the new extended period of the tax collection.

1514 During the extended period of collection provided for in this subparagraph, the county
 1515 or municipality levying the tax shall continue to comply with the expenditure
 1516 requirements of division (i) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. During the extended
 1517 period of collection, the county or municipality shall further expend (in each fiscal year

1518 during which the tax is collected during the extended period of collection) an amount
 1519 equal to 39.3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent toward funding
 1520 the successor facility certified by the state authority. Amounts so expended shall be
 1521 expended only through a contract with the certifying state authority. Any tax levied
 1522 pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate not later than December 31, 2050, provided
 1523 that during any period during which there remains outstanding any obligation which is
 1524 incurred to fund the successor facility certified by the state authority, and secured in
 1525 whole or in part by a pledge of a tax authorized under this Code section, or any such
 1526 obligation which is incurred to refund such an obligation, the powers of the counties
 1527 and municipalities to impose and distribute the tax imposed by this paragraph shall not
 1528 be diminished or impaired by the state and no county or municipality levying the tax
 1529 imposed by this paragraph shall cease to levy the tax in any manner that will impair the
 1530 interest and rights of the holders of any such obligation. This proviso shall be for the
 1531 benefit of the holder of any such obligation and, upon the issuance of any such
 1532 obligation by an authority of the state, shall constitute a contract with the holder of such
 1533 obligations.

1534 (C) Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, and subject to the
 1535 limitations contained in this subparagraph, a municipality levying a tax a percentage of
 1536 which is dedicated to financing a multipurpose domed stadium pursuant to division (ii)
 1537 of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be further authorized to expend in each
 1538 fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph an amount equal
 1539 to 39.3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 7 percent toward funding any
 1540 of the purposes permitted for tourism product development contained in paragraph (6)
 1541 of Code Section 48-13-50.2. Any funding pursuant to this paragraph shall not
 1542 commence until the municipality has terminated its obligations under division (ii) of
 1543 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and so long as there remains outstanding any
 1544 obligation which is incurred prior to January 1, 1991, issued to fund a multipurpose
 1545 domed stadium as contemplated by this paragraph, and secured in whole or in part by
 1546 a pledge of a tax authorized under this Code section, or any such obligation which is
 1547 incurred to refund such an obligation incurred before January 1, 1991.

1548 (5.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a county (within the
 1549 territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and the municipalities
 1550 within a county in which a coliseum and exhibit hall authority has been created by local
 1551 Act of the General Assembly for a county and one or more municipalities therein, and
 1552 which local coliseum and exhibit hall authority is in existence on or before
 1553 January 1, 1991, and which local coliseum and exhibit hall authority has not constructed
 1554 or operated any facility before January 1, 1991, may levy a tax under this Code section

1555 at a rate of 8 percent. A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph
 1556 shall expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph)
 1557 an amount equal to at least 62 1/2 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
 1558 of 8 percent for the purpose of:

1559 (A) ~~Promoting~~ promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows;

1560 (B) ~~Funding~~ funding, supporting, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and
 1561 equipping buildings, structures, and facilities, including, but not limited to, a coliseum,
 1562 exhibit hall, conference center, performing arts center, or any combination thereof, for
 1563 convention, trade show, athletic, musical, theatrical, cultural, civic, and performing arts
 1564 purposes and other events and activities for similar and related purposes, acquiring the
 1565 necessary property therefor, both real and personal, and funding all expenses incident
 1566 thereto, and supporting, maintaining, and promoting such facilities owned, operated,
 1567 or leased by or to the local coliseum and exhibit hall authority or a downtown
 1568 development authority; or

1569 (C) ~~For~~ for some combination of such purposes;

1570 provided, however, that at least 50 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
 1571 of 8 percent shall be expended for the purposes specified in subparagraph (B) of this
 1572 paragraph. Amounts so expended shall be expended only through a contract or contracts
 1573 with the state, a department of state government, a state authority, a convention and
 1574 visitors bureau authority created by local Act of the General Assembly for a municipality,
 1575 a local coliseum and exhibit hall authority, a downtown development authority, or a
 1576 private sector nonprofit organization, or through a contract or contracts with some
 1577 combination of such entities, ~~notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (8) of this~~
 1578 ~~subsection to the contrary.~~ The aggregate amount of all excise taxes imposed under this
 1579 paragraph and all sales and use taxes, and other taxes imposed by a county or
 1580 municipality, or both, shall not exceed 13 percent; provided, however, that any sales tax
 1581 for educational purposes which is imposed pursuant to Article VIII, Section VI,
 1582 Paragraph IV of the Constitution shall not be included in calculating such limitation. Any
 1583 tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate not later than December 31, 2028,
 1584 provided that during any period during which there remains outstanding any obligation
 1585 issued to fund a facility as contemplated by this paragraph, secured in whole or in part
 1586 by a pledge of a tax authorized under this Code section, the powers of the counties and
 1587 municipalities to impose and distribute the tax imposed by this paragraph shall not be
 1588 diminished or impaired by the state and no county or municipality levying the tax
 1589 imposed by this paragraph shall cease to levy the tax in any manner that will impair the
 1590 interests and rights of the holder of any such obligation. This proviso shall be for the
 1591 benefit of the holder of any such obligation and, upon the issuance of any such obligation

1592 by a local coliseum and exhibit hall authority or a downtown development authority, shall
 1593 constitute a contract with the holder of such obligation. Notwithstanding any other
 1594 provision of this Code section to the contrary, as used in this paragraph, the term: 'fund'
 1595 or 'funding' shall include the cost and expense of all things deemed necessary by a local
 1596 coliseum and exhibit hall authority or a downtown development authority for the
 1597 construction and operation of a facility or facilities including but not limited to the study,
 1598 operation, marketing, acquisition, construction, financing, including the payment of
 1599 principal and interest on any obligation of the local coliseum and exhibit hall authority
 1600 or the downtown development authority and any obligation of the local coliseum and
 1601 exhibit hall authority or the downtown development authority to refund any prior
 1602 obligation of the local coliseum and exhibit hall authority or the downtown development
 1603 authority, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters,
 1604 property, streets, highways, buildings, structures, equipment, or facilities and the
 1605 repayment of any obligation incurred by an authority in connection therewith; 'obligation'
 1606 shall include bonds, notes, or any instrument creating an obligation to pay or reserve
 1607 moneys and having an initial term of not more than 37 years; 'facility' or 'facilities' shall
 1608 mean any of the buildings, structures, and facilities described in subparagraph (B) of this
 1609 paragraph and any associated parking areas or improvements originally owned or
 1610 operated incident to the ownership or operation of such facility used for any purpose or
 1611 purposes specified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph by a local coliseum and exhibit
 1612 hall authority or a downtown development authority; and 'downtown development
 1613 authority' shall mean a downtown development authority created by local Act of the
 1614 General Assembly for a municipality pursuant to a local constitutional amendment.

1615 (5.2)(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county
 1616 (within the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and
 1617 municipalities within a county in which community auditorium or theater facilities
 1618 owned and operated by the municipality have been renovated which renovations are
 1619 completed substantially on or before July 1, 1995, and which county and municipalities
 1620 have not previously levied a 6 percent tax under paragraph (4) of this subsection may
 1621 levy a tax under this Code section at a rate of 8 percent.

1622 (B) A county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall expend (in
 1623 each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this paragraph) an amount equal
 1624 to 33 1/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate of 8 percent under this
 1625 subparagraph for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows under
 1626 a contract with a private sector nonprofit organization ~~defined in subparagraph (A) of~~
 1627 ~~paragraph (8) of this subsection.~~

1628 (C) In addition to the amounts required to be expended pursuant to subparagraph (B)
 1629 of this paragraph, a county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this paragraph shall
 1630 further expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected under this
 1631 paragraph) an amount equal to 16 2/3 percent of the total taxes collected at the rate
 1632 of 8 percent for the purpose of either marketing or operating community auditorium or
 1633 theater facilities or a community convention or trade center of which the theater or
 1634 auditorium is a part. Marketing and operating expenditures may include a preopening
 1635 marketing program for such facilities and an escrow account accrued prior to opening
 1636 such facilities to cover operating expenses to be incurred after the opening of such
 1637 facilities.

1638 (D) In addition to the amounts required to be expended pursuant to subparagraphs (B)
 1639 and (C) of this paragraph, a county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to this
 1640 paragraph shall further expend (in each fiscal year during which the tax is collected
 1641 under this paragraph) an amount equal to 33 1/3 percent of the total taxes collected at
 1642 the rate of 8 percent for general recreation purposes. Amounts so expended shall be
 1643 expended only through a contract or contracts with a recreation authority created by
 1644 local Act of the General Assembly.

1645 (5.3)(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a county
 1646 (within the territorial limits of the special district located within the county) and
 1647 municipalities within such a county in which a convention and visitor's bureau authority
 1648 has been created by local Act of the General Assembly which was in existence on
 1649 July 1, 2005, and which authority is established specifically by such local Act as a
 1650 permissible, but not exclusive, entity for the transfer of hotel and motel tax funds by the
 1651 taxing entities of the county for which such authority was created may levy a tax under
 1652 this Code section at a rate of 5 percent.

1653 (B) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection relating to expenditures shall
 1654 apply to this paragraph; provided, however, that a county or municipality levying a tax
 1655 pursuant to this paragraph shall be authorized, but not required, to expend funds
 1656 through a convention and visitor's bureau authority created by local Act of the General
 1657 Assembly.

1658 (6) Following the termination of a tax under paragraph (2.1), (2.2), (3.1), (3.2), (3.3),
 1659 (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), (4.7), (5), (5.1), (5.2), or (5.3) of
 1660 this subsection, any county or municipality which has levied a tax pursuant to
 1661 paragraph (2.1), (2.2), (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5),
 1662 (4.6), (4.7), (5), (5.1), (5.2), or (5.3) of this subsection shall levy any future taxes under
 1663 this Code section in a manner authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section.

1664 (7) As used in this subsection, the term:

1665 (A) 'Fund' and 'funding' mean the cost and expense of all things deemed necessary by
 1666 a state authority for the construction and operation of a multipurpose domed stadium
 1667 and a successor facility to such multipurpose domed stadium including but not limited
 1668 to the study, operation, marketing, acquisition, construction, finance, development,
 1669 extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, streets, highways,
 1670 buildings, structures, equipment, or facilities, and the repayment of any obligation
 1671 incurred by an authority in connection therewith.

1672 (B) 'Obligation' means bonds, notes, or any instrument creating an obligation to pay
 1673 or reserve moneys; and having an initial term of not more than 30 years.

1674 (C) 'Multipurpose domed stadium facility' means a multipurpose domed stadium
 1675 facility and any associated parking areas or improvements originally owned or operated
 1676 incident to the ownership or operation of a facility used for convention and trade show
 1677 purposes by the state, a department or agency of the state, a state authority, or a
 1678 combination thereof.

1679 (8) Reserved.

1680 (9)(A) A county or municipality imposing a tax under paragraph (1), (2), (2.1), (2.2),
 1681 (3), (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (4), (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), (4.7),
 1682 (5), (5.1), (5.2), or (5.3) of this subsection shall, prior to the imposition of the tax (if the
 1683 tax is imposed on or after July 1, 1990) and prior to each fiscal year thereafter in which
 1684 the tax is imposed, adopt a budget plan specifying how the proceeds of the tax shall be
 1685 expended. Prior to the adoption of such budget plan, the county or municipality shall
 1686 obtain from the authorized entity with which it proposes to contract to meet the
 1687 expenditure requirements of this Code section a budget for expenditures to be made by
 1688 such organization; and such budget shall be made a part of the county or municipal
 1689 budget plan.

1690 (B)(i) The determination as to whether a county or municipality has complied with
 1691 the expenditure requirements of paragraph (2), (2.1), (2.2), (3), (3.1), (3.2), (3.3),
 1692 (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (4), (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), (4.7), (5), (5.1), (5.2), or
 1693 (5.3) of this subsection shall be made for each fiscal year beginning on or after
 1694 July 1, 1987, and, as of the end of each fiscal year, shall be prominently reflected in
 1695 the audit required under Code Section 36-81-7; and shall disclose:

1696 (I) The amount of funds expended or contractually committed for expenditure as
 1697 provided in paragraph (2), (2.1), (2.2), (3), (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (4),
 1698 (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), (4.7), (5), (5.1), (5.2), or (5.3) of this
 1699 subsection, whichever is applicable, during the fiscal year;

1700 (II) The amount of tax receipts under this Code section during such fiscal year; and

1701 (III) Expenditures as a percentage of tax receipts.

1702 (ii) A county or municipality contractually expending funds to meet the expenditure
 1703 requirements of paragraph (2), (2.1), (2.2), (3), (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), (3.7),
 1704 (4), (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), (4.7), (5), (5.1), (5.2), or (5.3) of this
 1705 subsection shall require the contracting party to provide audit verification that the
 1706 contracting party makes use of such funds in conformity with the requirements of this
 1707 subsection. If the audit required by Code Section 36-81-7 identifies noncompliance
 1708 with the applicable expenditure requirements of this Code section, such
 1709 noncompliance shall be reported in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (c)
 1710 of Code Section 36-81-7. The state auditor shall report all instances of
 1711 noncompliance with this subparagraph noted in the audit report to the Department of
 1712 Community Affairs upon completion of the report review required by paragraph (2)
 1713 of subsection (d) of Code Section 36-81-7. The state auditor shall furnish a copy of
 1714 all documents submitted by the local government or the local government's auditor
 1715 pertaining to noncompliance with this subparagraph to the Department of Revenue.
 1716 The Department of Community Affairs shall submit a copy of such documents to the
 1717 performance review board.

1718 (10) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit the power of a county or
 1719 municipality to expend more than the required amounts, or all, of the total taxes collected
 1720 under this Code section for the purposes described in paragraph (2), (2.1), (2.2), (3), (3.1),
 1721 (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), (3.7), (4), (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5), (4.6), (4.7), (5), (5.1),
 1722 (5.2), or (5.3) of this subsection.

1723 ~~(11) Reserved.~~

1724 ~~(12) Reserved."~~

1725 **SECTION 49.**

1726 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
 1727 in:

1728 (1) Code Section 49-3-2, relating to appointment of county board members, terms,
 1729 vacancies, per diem and expenses, and the role of county board, in subsection (e), by
 1730 replacing "temporary assistance for needy families" with "Temporary Assistance for Needy
 1731 Families" and "supplemental nutrition assistance program" with "Supplemental Nutrition
 1732 Assistance Program".

1733 (2) Code Section 49-5-4.1, relating to establishment of a child welfare agency public
 1734 scorecard, in subsection (c), by replacing "inspection or," with "inspection, or".

1735 (3) Code Section 49-5-12, relating to licensing and inspection of child welfare agencies,
 1736 standards, revocation or refusal of license, penalties, and violations, in subsection (b), by
 1737 deleting ", as defined in subsection (a) of this Code section,".

1738 (4) Code Section 49-5-12.3, relating to definitions and the annual inspection of child welfare
1739 agencies, in subsection (b), by replacing "results of annual inspection" with "results of the
1740 annual inspection".

1741 (5) Code Section 49-5-40, relating to definitions, confidentiality of records, and restricted
1742 access to child abuse records, in subparagraph (a)(4)(A), by replacing "United States
1743 including" with "United States, including" each time the phrase appears.

1744 (6) Code Section 49-5-41, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to child abuse
1745 records, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "such entity, that" with "such entity that", in
1746 division (a)(5)(C)(i), by replacing "department, or in the absence" with "department or, in the
1747 absence", in paragraph (a)(10), by replacing "the commissioner of the department" with "the
1748 commissioner", and in subsection (f), by replacing "record" with "records" each time the term
1749 appears.

1750 (7) Code Section 49-6-61, relating to definitions regarding community care and services for
1751 the elderly, in paragraph (2), by replacing "the Georgia Medical Assistance Act of 1977."
1752 with "the 'Georgia Medical Assistance Act of 1977.'"

1753 **SECTION 50.**

1754 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
1755 in:

1756 (1) Code Section 50-3-88, relating to definitions and designation of the adoptable dog as the
1757 official state dog, in subsection (a), by replacing "As used in this Code section:" with "As
1758 used in this Code section, the term:".

1759 (2) Code Section 50-5-85, relating to state prohibited from entering into certain contracts
1760 with or without certification that boycott of Israel not to be conducted by other party, in
1761 subsection (c), by replacing "Subsection (a)" with "Subsection (b)".

1762 (3) Code Section 50-5C-6, relating to termination for default, assumption of responsibilities
1763 and duties, eminent domain power not delegated, and other powers, in subsection (b), by
1764 replacing "the right, title, and interest" with "the rights, title, and interest".

1765 (4) Code Section 50-8-18, relating to energy efficient construction of major state-funded
1766 facility projects, short title, legislative findings, and "major facility project" defined, in
1767 subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section," with "For purposes of this
1768 Code section, the term".

1769 (5) Chapter 18, relating to state printing and documents, by redesignating Code
1770 Section 50-18-75, relating to confidentiality of communications between the Office of
1771 Legislative Counsel and certain persons, as Code Section 28-4-3.1 and replacing the term
1772 "this article" with "Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50" in said Code section.

1773 (6) Code Section 50-27-87.1, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair and
1774 deceptive acts, in paragraph (4), by replacing "as any incentive" with "as an incentive".

1775 **SECTION 51.**

1776 Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in:

1777 (1) Code Section 51-14-1, relating to legislative findings and purpose regarding asbestos and
1778 silica claims, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "1980's" with "1980s", and in
1779 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "1970's" with "1970s".

1780 **SECTION 52.**

1781 Reserved.

1782 **SECTION 53.**

1783 Reserved.

1784 **SECTION 54.**

1785 (a) Except for Title 47, the text of Code sections and title, chapter, article, part, subpart,
1786 Code section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, division, and subdivision numbers and
1787 designations as contained in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under
1788 authority of the state by The Michie Company in 1982 and contained in Volumes 3
1789 through 40 of such publication or replacement volumes thereto, as amended by the text and
1790 numbering of Code sections as contained in the 2016 supplements to the Official Code of
1791 Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state in 2016 by LEXIS Publishing, are
1792 hereby reenacted.

1793 (b) Annotations; editorial notes; Code Revision Commission notes; research references;
1794 notes on law review articles; opinions of the Attorney General of Georgia; indexes; analyses;
1795 title, chapter, article, part, and subpart captions or headings, except as otherwise provided in
1796 the Code; catchlines of Code sections or portions thereof, except as otherwise provided in
1797 the Code; and rules and regulations of state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or
1798 other entities which are contained in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are not enacted
1799 as statutes by the provisions of this Act. Material which has been added in brackets or
1800 parentheses and editorial, delayed effective date, effect of amendment, or other similar notes
1801 within the text of a Code section by the editorial staff of the publisher in order to explain or
1802 to prevent a misapprehension concerning the contents of the Code section and which is
1803 explained in an editorial note is not enacted by the provisions of this section and shall not be
1804 considered a part of any statutes.

1805 (c) The reenactment of the statutory portion of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by
 1806 subsection (a) of this section shall not affect, supersede, or repeal any Act of the General
 1807 Assembly, or portion thereof, which is not contained in the Official Code of Georgia
 1808 Annotated and which was not repealed by Code Section 1-1-10, specifically including those
 1809 Acts which have not yet been included in the text of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated
 1810 because of effective dates which extend beyond the effective date of the Code or the
 1811 publication date of the Code or its supplements. This subsection shall not apply to any Act
 1812 or portion thereof which was superseded due to conflict as provided by subsection (b) of
 1813 Code Section 28-9-5.

1814 (d) The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and in the other Acts
 1815 enacted at the 2016 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia shall supersede the
 1816 provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ratified and reenacted by subsection (a)
 1817 of this section.

1818 (e) In the event of a conflict between a provision in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and
 1819 a provision of another Act enacted at the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly, the
 1820 provision of such other Act shall control over the conflicting provision in Sections 1
 1821 through 53 of this Act to the extent of the conflict.

1822 **SECTION 55.**

1823 (a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming
 1824 law without such approval, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

1825 (b)(1) The amendment to paragraph (a)(2) of Code Section 40-5-64 made by
 1826 paragraph (10) of Section 40 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017;

1827 (2) The amendment to subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-66 made by paragraph (11)
 1828 of Section 40 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017; and

1829 (3) The amendment to subsection (c) of Code Section 49-5-4.1 made by paragraph (2)
 1830 of Section 49 of this Act shall become effective on the earlier of March 1, 2017, or the
 1831 effective date of this Act in subsection (a) of this section.

1832 **SECTION 56.**

1833 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.