

House Bill 396

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to fraud and related practices, so as to provide that it shall be unlawful for a person  
3 with intent to hinder, delay, impair, or defraud a creditor's rights to deed or otherwise transfer  
4 title to real property to another person without the knowledge or consent of such other  
5 person; to provide for sanctions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud  
10 and related practices, is amended by revising Code Section 16-9-51, relating to destruction,  
11 removal, concealment, encumbrance, or transfer of property subject to security interest, as  
12 follows:

13 "16-9-51.

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person who destroys,  
15 removes, conceals, encumbers, transfers, or otherwise deals with property subject to a  
16 security interest with intent to hinder enforcement of ~~that~~ such interest shall be guilty of a  
17 misdemeanor.

18 (b) A person who destroys, removes, conceals, encumbers, transfers, or otherwise deals  
19 with property subject to a security interest with intent to hinder enforcement of ~~that~~ such  
20 security interest and in so doing does damage to such property in an amount greater than  
21 \$500.00 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

22 (c) A person with intent to hinder, delay, impair, or defraud a creditor's rights who deeds  
23 or otherwise transfers title to real property to another person without the knowledge or  
24 consent of such other person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

25 ~~(c)~~(d) In a prosecution under this Code section the crime shall be considered as having  
26 been committed in any county where any act in furtherance of the criminal scheme was  
27 done or was caused to be done."

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**SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.