

Senate Bill 153

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

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5 or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law  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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Reserved.

12 **SECTION 2.**

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

14 (1) Code Section 2-10-57, relating to authority of Commissioner to provide for safety and  
15 security at farmers' markets and police powers, in the introductory language of  
16 subparagraph (b)(1)(F), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

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**SECTION 3.**

18 Reserved.

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**SECTION 4.**

20 Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, is amended in:

21 (1) Code Section 4-11-3, relating to licenses for pet dealers and kennel, stable, or animal  
22 shelter operators, requirement, issuance, and application, in paragraph (c.1)(4), by deleting  
23 "and reserved".

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**SECTION 5.**

25 Reserved.

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**SECTION 6.**

27 Reserved.

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**SECTION 7.**

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

31 (1) Code Section 7-1-612, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

32 (2) Code Section 7-1-689, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination  
33 requirements and powers, and limitations on civil liability, in the introductory language of  
34 subsection (l), by replacing "website," with "public website," and in paragraph (l)(1), by  
35 replacing "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

36 (3) Code Section 7-1-706, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination  
37 requirements and powers, and limitation on civil liability, in the introductory language of  
38 subsection (l), by replacing "website," with "public website," and in paragraph (l)(1), by  
39 replacing "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

40 (4) Code Section 7-1-1009, relating to record keeping, investigations and examinations, and  
41 exemptions from civil liability, in the introductory language of subsection (g), by replacing  
42 "website," with "public website," and in paragraph (g)(1), by replacing "and telephone," with  
43 "telephone number,".

44 (5) Code Section 7-1-1011, relating to annual fees, in subsection (a), by replacing "mortgage  
45 broker," with "a mortgage broker,".

46 (6) Code Section 7-1-1017, relating to suspension or revocation of licenses or mortgage  
47 broker education approval, notice, judicial review, and effect on preexisting contract, in  
48 subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and by replacing "their"  
49 with "his or her".

50 (7) Code Section 7-3-18, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

51 (8) Code Section 7-9-8, relating to the issuance of certificate of incorporation or certificate  
52 of organization, at the end of paragraph (3), by inserting a comma and in the undesignated  
53 text at the end of the Code section, by replacing "name of" with "the name of".

54 (9) Code Section 7-9-11.8, relating to rights and remedies of shareholders, in subsection (a),  
55 by replacing "known as the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code' or" with "the 'Georgia  
56 Business Corporation Code,' or" and in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "resulting acquirer"  
57 with "resulting merchant acquirer".

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## **SECTION 8.**

59 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is  
60 amended in:

61 (1) Code Section 8-3-311, relating to creation of stable housing accountability programs,  
62 application process, minimum standards, approval criteria, and funding, in the introductory  
63 language of subsection (d), by replacing "At minimum," with "At a minimum," in  
64 subparagraph (d)(6)(A), by replacing "U.S." with "United States", in subparagraph (d)(6)(E),  
65 by replacing "heath" with "health", and in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or  
66 her".

67 (2) Code Section 8-3-312, relating to disbursements for operating expenses, by replacing  
68 "provided the commission" with "provided to the commission".

69 **SECTION 9.**

70 Reserved.

71 **SECTION 10.**

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

74 (1) Code Section 10-1-427, relating to false advertising of legal services, good faith  
75 exemptions, investigation and enforcement by Attorney General, and penalties for violation  
76 of cease and desist order, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Internet search engine ad," with  
77 "internet search engine advertisement,".

78 (2) Code Section 10-1-782, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in  
79 paragraph (23), by inserting "by" preceding "90,000".

80 (3) Code Section 10-4-111, relating to meetings of advisory board, duties, fixing opening  
81 date of marketing season, and revocation of license for early sale, by repealing and reserving  
82 said Code section.

83 (4) Article 7 of Chapter 6, which is reserved, by repealing said article.

84 **SECTION 11.**

85 Reserved.

86 **SECTION 12.**

87 Reserved.

88 **SECTION 13.**

89 Reserved.

90 **SECTION 14.**

91 Reserved.

92 **SECTION 15.**

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

94 (1) Code Section 15-5B-12, as effective on July 1, 2026, relating to proceedings, filing  
95 procedures, service, and scheduling, in subsection (f), by replacing "address of the of the"  
96 with "address of the".

97 (2) Code Section 15-10-101, relating to eligibility of constables, in paragraph (a)(4), by  
98 replacing "accredited high school diploma or general educational development (GED)" with  
99 "approved high school equivalency (HSE)".

100 (3) Code Section 15-11-71, relating to juvenile treatment court divisions, in the introductory  
101 language of paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "increase likelihood" with "increase the  
102 likelihood" and in subsection (f), by replacing "may have the authority" with "shall be  
103 authorized".

104 (4) Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to state-wide master jury list, driver's license  
105 information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise venire, in  
106 subsection (b), by replacing "or personal identification card" with "or identification card"

107 each time the phrase appears and by replacing "or a personal identification card" with "or an  
108 identification card".

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**SECTION 16.**

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

112 (1) Code Section 16-5-3.1, relating to aggravated involuntary manslaughter for fentanyl  
113 overdose death, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "shall mean" with "means", in  
114 paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "shall include" with "includes", and in subsection (c), by  
115 replacing "10 years" with "ten years".

116 (2) Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, in subsections (c) and (f), by replacing  
117 "For purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in the  
118 undesignated text at the end of subsection (h), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As  
119 used in" and by replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens", and in subsection (i), by  
120 replacing "their" with "his or her".

121 (3) Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, in subsection (m), by replacing  
122 "their" with "his or her".

123 (4) Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, in subsection (d), by replacing "For  
124 purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in  
125 subsection (i), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall  
126 include" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in  
127 subsection (j), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

128 (5) Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, in subsection (g), by replacing "For purposes  
129 of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in subsection (i), by  
130 replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall include" with "As used  
131 in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in subsection (l), by replacing  
132 "their" with "his or her".

133 (6) Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, in subsection (i), by replacing  
134 "their" with "his or her".

135 (7) Code Section 16-7-21.1, relating to unlawful squatting, by revising said Code section as  
136 follows:

137 "16-7-21.1.

138 (a)(1) A person commits the offense of unlawful squatting when he or she enters upon  
139 the land or premises of another and resides on such land or premises for any period of  
140 time knowingly acting without the knowledge or consent of the owner, the rightful  
141 occupant, or an authorized representative of the owner. As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this  
142 Code section, the term 'resides' means to inhabit or live on or within any land or premises.

143 (2) Any person who commits or is accused of committing the offense of unlawful  
144 squatting as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive a citation  
145 advising that ~~they must~~ he or she shall present to the head of the issuing law enforcement  
146 agency or ~~their designee~~ its designee, within three business days of receiving the citation  
147 for such alleged offense, properly executed documentation that authorizes the person's  
148 entry on such land or premises. Such documentation may include a properly executed  
149 lease or rental agreement or proof of rental payments.

150 (3) If such person is unable to provide the documentation required by paragraph (2) of  
151 this subsection, such person shall be subject to arrest for unlawful squatting and, upon  
152 conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalty provided in subsection (b) of this Code  
153 section.

154 (4) If such person ~~does provide~~ provides documentation that authorizes such person's  
155 entry on the land or premises, a hearing shall be set within seven days of the submission  
156 of such documentation, and, if the court of appropriate jurisdiction finds that the  
157 submitted documentation was not properly executed or is not meritorious, such person  
158 shall be subject to demand for possession and removal as provided in Code  
159 Section 44-11-32, be subject to arrest and upon conviction penalties as provided for in

160 Code Sections 16-9-1 and 16-9-2, and shall be assessed an additional fine based on the  
 161 fair market monthly rental rate of the land or premises.

162 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a  
 163 misdemeanor which upon conviction shall be ~~punishable~~ punished as provided in Code  
 164 Section 17-10-3."

165 (8) Code Section 16-7-23, relating to criminal damage to property in the second degree, in  
 166 paragraph (a)(2), by inserting a comma following "fireworks".

167 (9) Code Section 16-11-171, relating to definitions regarding Brady Law regulations, in  
 168 paragraph (4), by inserting "of Chapter 7" following "Article 6".

169 (10) Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drugs, by revising numerous paragraphs  
 170 in subsection (b), subparagraph (b)(59)(BB.5), and paragraph (c)(16.92) as follows:

171 "~~(57.5) Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed~~ vaccine adsorbed, Adjuvanted;"

172 "~~(BB.5) House Dust Mite Allergen Extract~~ dust mite allergen extract;"

173 "~~(160.5) Chikungunya Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

174 "~~(206.7) Coagulation Factor X, (human)~~ Human;"

175 "~~(247.4) Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine~~ tetravalent vaccine, Live;"

176 "~~(317.3) Dornase Alpha~~ alpha;"

177 "~~(328.3) Ebola Zaire Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

178 "~~(361.5) Reserved~~;"

179 "~~(383.15) Ferric Hexacyanoferrate~~ hexacyanoferrate;"

180 "~~(386.3) Reserved~~;"

181 "~~(425) Gomenol Solution~~ solution;"

182 "~~(433.5) Halobetasol Propionate~~ propionate;"

183 "~~(446.2) Human Papillomavirus~~ papillomavirus 9-valent ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Recombinant;"

184 "~~(509.7) Reserved~~;"

185 "~~(512.691) Reserved~~;"

186 "~~(529.93) Reserved~~;"

- 187 ~~"(703.43) Reserved;"~~
- 188 ~~"(731.1) Reserved;"~~
- 189 ~~"(732.9) Reserved;"~~
- 190 "(836.1) Respiratory ~~Synectial Virus Vaccine~~ syncytial virus vaccine;"
- 191 ~~"(851.02) Reserved;"~~
- 192 "(855.5) Sermorelin ~~Acetate~~ acetate;"
- 193 ~~"(945.5) Reserved;"~~
- 194 "(1025.8) Varicella ~~Virus Vaccine Live~~ virus vaccine, Live;"
- 195 "(1037.23) Von von Willebrand factor;"
- 196 "(1042.8) Zoledronic ~~Acid~~ acid;"
- 197 "(1042.95) Zoster ~~Vaccine Recombinant~~ vaccine recombinant, Adjuvanted;"
- 198 "(16.92) Any opioid antagonist, as defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, shall also be
- 199 exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose
- 200 prevention and when supplied by a dispenser or an authorized wholesale distributor;".
- 201 (11) Code Section 16-13-122, relating to content of kratom and required labeling, in
- 202 paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of".

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**SECTION 17.**

204 Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is

205 amended in:

206 (1) Code Section 17-6-12, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, effect of

207 failure of person charged to appear for trial, and consideration of criminal record, in

208 subparagraph (a)(1)(GG), by replacing "Code Section 16-10-29;" with "Code

209 Section 16-10-24;".

210 (2) Code Section 17-10-7, relating to punishment of repeat offenders and punishment and

211 eligibility for parole of persons convicted of fourth felony offense, in subsection (e), by

212 replacing "recidivous" with "recidivist".

213 **SECTION 18.**

214 Reserved.

215 **SECTION 19.**

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

218 (1) Code Section 19-6-9, relating to voluntary separation, abandonment, or driving off of  
219 spouse and equity may compel support, by deleting "and as may be".

220 (2) Code Section 19-6-32, relating to entering income withholding order or medical support  
221 notice for award of child support, when order or notice effective, and hearing on order, in  
222 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "means judge" with "means a judge" and in paragraph (a)(5),  
223 by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 666(b)(A)(I) and (ii)" with "42 U.S.C.  
224 Section 666(b)(6)(A)(i) and (ii)".

225 (3) Code Section 19-6-33, relating to notice and service of income withholding order,  
226 hearing on enforcement of order, discharge of obligor, and penalties, in paragraph (a)(2), by  
227 replacing "means judge" with "means a judge".

228 (4) Code Section 19-6-33.1, relating to family support registry, in subparagraph (e)(2)(A),  
229 by replacing "arrears or" with "arrears, or".

230 **SECTION 20.**

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

232 (1) Code Section 20-2-37, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

233 (2) Code Section 20-2-38, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

234 (3) Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating  
235 budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, in paragraph (a)(2),  
236 by replacing "system and," with "system,".

237 (4) Code Section 20-2-751.4, as effective on July 1, 2025, relating to policies prohibiting  
238 bullying and cyberbullying required, enforcement of policies including assignment to  
239 alternative school, notice, antibullying training programs and materials, limitation of liability,  
240 and noncompliance, by revising the introductory language of subparagraph (1)(A) as follows:

241       “(1)(A) 'Bullying' ~~'Bullying'~~ means an act that is:”

242 (5) Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillator required in high  
243 schools, requirements, and funding, in subparagraph (c)(7)(D), by deleting the comma  
244 following "leads".

245 (6) Code Section 20-2-776.5, relating to opioid antagonists, possession, administration,  
246 obligations, and immunity from civil liability, at the end of subsection (g), by inserting a  
247 period following "known".

248 (7) Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by designating  
249 Code Section 20-3-1, relating to definitions, as Part 1.

250 (8) Code Section 20-3-38, relating to agricultural extension work, in subsection (a), by  
251 replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

252 (9) Code Section 20-3-41.2, relating to surrender of materials to division for preservation,  
253 preparation of certified copies, ownership, operation, and management of electronic archival  
254 records, exemption for certain records under certain conditions, and "constitutional officer"  
255 defined, in subsections (a) through (c), by inserting "of the University System of Georgia"  
256 following "Division of Archives and History" each time the term appears.

257 (10) Code Section 20-3-41.3, relating to study of historical documents and public displays  
258 of the Foundations of American Law and Government, in paragraph (a)(1), by inserting "of  
259 the University System of Georgia" following "Division of Archives and History".

260 (11) Code Section 20-3-45, relating to Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council created,  
261 purpose, members, expenses, coordinator, officers, meetings, administrative assignment, and  
262 staff, in subsections (c) and (h), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with  
263 "the division".

264 (12) Code Section 20-3-45.1, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Historical Records  
265 Advisory Council, in paragraph (2), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with  
266 "the division".

267 (13) Code Section 20-3-48, relating to short title, public forums designated, "free speech  
268 zones" prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required  
269 materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (b)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such  
270 term" and in subsection (i), by replacing "their websites," with "their public websites,".

271 (14) Code Section 20-3-60, relating to when properties of university system may be sold,  
272 leased, or otherwise disposed of, effect of restrictions on use, and works of art, in  
273 subsection (a) and in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (c)(2), by replacing  
274 "however, that" with "however, that," and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "The term 'work  
275 of art'" with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.

276 (15) Code Section 20-3-66, relating to determination of in-state resident status of students  
277 for tuition or fees, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "the  
278 term 'student from a homeless situation'" with "such term".

279 (16) Code Section 20-3-67, relating to powers of regents over system and institutions over  
280 students not limited by lowering age of majority, by replacing "the system" with "the  
281 university system".

282 (17) Code Section 20-3-92, relating to definitions regarding postsecondary education, in  
283 paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term" and by replacing "is recognized as  
284 a student organization" with "are recognized as student organizations".

285 (18) Code Section 20-3-130, relating to short title regarding junior colleges and name of  
286 junior college system, by replacing "shall be known as" with "shall be known and may be  
287 cited as" each time the phrase appears.

288 (19) Code Section 20-3-131, relating to definitions regarding junior colleges, in  
289 paragraph (2), by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local  
290 school system,".

291 (20) Code Section 20-3-132, relating to authority to establish and maintain junior colleges,  
292 by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local school system,"  
293 each time the phrase appears.

294 (21) Code Section 20-3-150, relating to short title regarding Georgia Education Authority  
295 (University), by replacing "may be cited" with "shall be known and may be cited".

296 (22) Code Section 20-3-200, relating to short title regarding Private Colleges and  
297 Universities Authority, by replacing "may be cited as" with "shall be known and may be cited  
298 as".

299 (23) Code Section 20-3-201, relating to definitions regarding Private Colleges and  
300 Universities Authority, in paragraph (4), by replacing "'Construction project' also means"  
301 with "Such term also means" and by replacing "The term 'construction project' also means"  
302 with "Such term also means", in paragraph (5), by replacing "the term 'cost,' as applied" with  
303 "such term, as applied", and in paragraph (6) and divisions (7)(A)(i), (7)(A)(ii), and  
304 (7)(A)(iv), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

305 (24) Code Section 20-3-231, relating to legislative findings and purpose of Georgia Student  
306 Finance Commission, in subsections (a) and (b), by deleting the internal catchlines.

307 (25) Code Section 20-3-234, relating to functions and composition of board of  
308 commissioners, appointment, qualifications, and terms of commissioners, board officers,  
309 meetings, committees, compensation, and advisory councils, in subsections (a) through (h),  
310 by deleting the internal catchlines.

311 (26) Code Section 20-3-235, relating to commission officers, employees, and support  
312 services, bonds, and legal services, in paragraphs (1) through (5), by deleting the internal  
313 catchlines.

314 (27) Code Section 20-3-236, relating to powers and duties of commission, board of  
315 commissioners, and officers, confidentiality, and repayments and refunds, in  
316 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "they" with "it" and by replacing "them" with "the board of  
317 commissioners" and in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

318 (28) Code Section 20-3-242, relating to web based counseling and resources for students,  
319 in paragraph (1), by replacing "web based" with "internet based" and in paragraph (2), by  
320 replacing "a web based" with "an internet based".

321 (29) Code Section 20-3-250.2, relating to definitions regarding nonpublic postsecondary  
322 educational institutions, in paragraph (11.1), by replacing "however, that" with "however,  
323 that,".

324 (30) Code Section 20-3-250.3, relating to educational institutions exempted from application  
325 of part, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (a)(13)(B), by replacing "however  
326 that" with "however, that" and in paragraph (a)(14), by replacing "associate" with  
327 "associate's".

328 (31) Code Section 20-3-250.6, relating to minimum standards for educational institutions,  
329 in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue".

330 (32) Code Section 20-3-250.8, relating to application to operate or conduct postsecondary  
331 activities, in subsection (a), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue" and by replacing  
332 "however, that" with "however, that," and in subsection (b), by replacing "catalogs," with  
333 "catalogues,".

334 (33) Code Section 20-3-311, relating to legislative findings and purposes of authority, in  
335 subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline.

336 (34) Code Section 20-3-313, relating to authority created as successor to Georgia Higher  
337 Education Assistance Authority and abolishment of Georgia Higher Education Assistance  
338 Corporation, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "however:" with  
339 "however, that:", in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2), by replacing "That educational" with  
340 "Educational", and in paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "That all" with "All".

341 (35) Code Section 20-3-314, relating to functions, composition, organization, and conduct  
342 of affairs of board of directors, in subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline, in the  
343 introductory language of subsection (b), by deleting the internal catchline and by replacing  
344 "however:" with "however, that:", in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "That nothing" with

345 "Nothing", in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "That no" with "No", and in paragraph (b)(3),  
346 by replacing "That the" with "The".

347 (36) Code Section 20-3-316, relating to powers and duties of authority, employees'  
348 functions, servicing of educational loans, registration with Selective Service System, and  
349 confidentiality, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

350 (37) Code Section 20-3-329, relating to employees of commission transferred to authority,  
351 status of authority employees hired after July 1, 1996, status of transferred employees, and  
352 benefits of transferred employees not impaired, in subsection (c), by replacing "however,  
353 that" with "however, that,".

354 (38) Code Section 20-3-373, relating to general loan fund, in the undesignated text at the end  
355 of subsection (a), by replacing "fund to make" with "fund provided for in subsection (a) of  
356 this Code section to make" and by redesignating such undesignated text as new  
357 subsection (b) and by redesignating current subsection (b) as new subsection (c).

358 (39) Code Section 20-3-374, relating to service cancelable loan fund and authorized types  
359 of service cancelable educational loans, in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4), by deleting the  
360 internal catchlines.

361 (40) Code Section 20-3-386, relating to distribution of education loan repayment assistance  
362 and conditions, in subsection (d), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

363 (41) Code Section 20-3-395, relating to definitions regarding direct loans to students on  
364 basis of need and merit, in subparagraphs (3)(A), (3)(B), and (3)(C), by replacing "associate"  
365 with "associate's" and in paragraph (6), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

366 (42) Code Section 20-3-400.1, relating to definitions regarding graduate on time student  
367 loans, in paragraph (1) and subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate" with  
368 "associate's".

369 (43) Code Section 20-3-405.1, relating to definitions regarding Education for Public Service  
370 Student Loan, in subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate degrees" with  
371 "associate's degrees".

372 (44) Code Section 20-3-405.2, relating to eligibility, repayment period, maximum amount,  
373 application, and statement of requirements, in subsection (c), by replacing "associate degree,"  
374 with "associate's degree,".

375 (45) Code Section 20-3-431, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory  
376 language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

377 (46) Code Section 20-3-441, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory  
378 language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

379 (47) Code Section 20-3-499, relating to selection of REACH scholars, in  
380 division (a)(1)(B)(i), by replacing "SNAP (Food Stamp)" with "Supplemental Nutrition  
381 Assistance Program (SNAP)" and in division (a)(1)(B)(ii), by replacing "TANF" with  
382 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)".

383 (48) Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions regarding HOPE scholarships and grants,  
384 in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (6)(A), by replacing "however, that" with  
385 "however, that," and in paragraph (25), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

386 (49) Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship  
387 and award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a) and in the introductory  
388 language of subsection (b), by replacing "associate" with "associate's" and in  
389 paragraph (d)(3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," each time the phrase  
390 appears.

391 (50) Code Section 20-3-519.5, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant and  
392 award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a.1) and the undesignated text at  
393 the end of subsection (a.1), by replacing "associate degree" with "associate's degree".

394 (51) Code Section 20-3-564, relating to authorization to dispose of property, by replacing  
395 "however, that" with "however, that,".

396 (52) Code Section 20-3-633, relating to creation, board of directors, and assignment to  
397 Department of Administrative Services, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Chancellor" with  
398 "chancellor".

399 (53) Code Section 20-3-642, relating to records not open to public inspection and duration,  
400 in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "clearing house" with "clearing-house".

401 (54) Article 13 of Chapter 3, relating to compensation of intercollegiate athletes, by  
402 repealing said article.

403 (55) Code Section 20-4-1, relating to acceptance of federal act regarding vocational  
404 education, by replacing "(20 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929),"   
405 with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11, et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".

406 (56) Code Section 20-4-4, relating to employing teachers under federal act, by replacing "(20  
407 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929)," with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11,  
408 et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".

409 (57) Code Section 20-4-10, relating to the State Board of the Technical College System of  
410 Georgia established, members, and officers, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, in"  
411 with "provided, however, that, in".

412 (58) Code Section 20-4-11, relating to powers of the State Board of the Technical College  
413 System of Georgia, at the end of division (3)(C)(ii), by replacing the period with a semicolon.

414 (59) Code Section 20-4-11.1, relating to public forums designated, "free speech zones"  
415 prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required  
416 materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (a)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such  
417 term" and in subsection (h), by replacing "websites," with "public websites,".

418 (60) Code Section 20-4-15, relating to establishment of adult literacy programs, eligibility,  
419 and office of adult literacy, in the introductory language of subsection (d), by replacing  
420 "who:" with "who are:", in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Are high" with "High", and in  
421 paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "Are at" with "At".

422 (61) Code Section 20-4-17, relating to agencies to receive federal funds and transfer of  
423 personnel to Department of Technical and Adult Education, now known as Technical  
424 College System of Georgia, in subsection (a), by replacing "further," with "further, that".

425 (62) Code Section 20-4-41, relating to extent and nature of training to be offered, by  
426 replacing "however, no" with "however, that no".

427 (63) Article 5 of Chapter 4, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, by replacing  
428 "commissioner of the Department of Economic Development" with "commissioner of  
429 economic development" each time the phrase appears in:

430 (A) Code Section 20-4-120, relating to the creation of commission and membership;

431 (B) Code Section 20-4-131, relating to administration of grant program and purpose;

432 (C) Code Section 20-4-132, relating to awarding of grants;

433 (D) Code Section 20-4-133, relating to grant application requirements; and

434 (E) Code Section 20-4-134, relating to rules and regulations.

435 (64) Code Section 20-4-141, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high  
436 school diploma to successful participants, skills and knowledge, eligibility for participation,  
437 and regulation, in paragraph (a)(1) and subparagraph (f)(3)(A), by replacing "associate  
438 degree" with "associate's degree" and in divisions (e)(4)(A)(iii) and (e)(4)(B)(ii), by replacing  
439 "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C." each time the term appears.

440 (65) Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose, employer partnerships, required  
441 information, contracts, awards, and limitations, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing  
442 "\$10,000.00" with "Ten thousand dollars", in paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "\$5,000.00" with  
443 "Five thousand dollars", and in paragraph (e)(2), by deleting "the" preceding "Fiscal Year  
444 2025".

445 (66) Code Section 20-4-153, relating to annual reporting and cooperation from  
446 apprenticeship sponsor, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by inserting "public"  
447 preceding "website".

448 (67) Code Section 20-5-2, relating to powers and duties of the board of regents and director  
449 of University of Georgia Libraries, abolition of State Library Commission and transfer of  
450 functions, reports of state publications, and electronic submission, in subsection (e), by  
451 replacing "For purposes of this article, 'public documents' shall mean" with "As used in this

452 Code section, the term 'public documents' means" and in subsection (k), by replacing  
453 "Division of Archives and History," with "Division of Archives and History of the University  
454 System of Georgia,".

455 (68) Code Section 20-5-5, relating to internet safety policies in public libraries, in  
456 paragraphs (a)(1) and (h)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".

457 (69) Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions regarding campus policemen, in  
458 paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'campus'" with "Such term".

459 (70) Code Section 20-12-1, relating to definitions regarding marine resources extension  
460 centers and institute for oceanographic studies, in paragraph (3), by deleting "as defined in  
461 paragraph (2) of this Code section".

462 (71) Code Section 20-14-27, relating to required reports and publication format, in  
463 subsection (b), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

464 (72) Code Section 20-14-33, relating to indicators of quality of learning in individual  
465 schools and school systems, comparison to state standards, rating schools and school  
466 systems, providing information, and uniform definition of "dropout" and "below grade level,"  
467 in paragraph (c)(3), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

468 (73) Code Section 20-14-49.11, relating to financial information available on websites, in  
469 the introductory language of subsections (a) and (b) and in paragraphs (c)(5), (d)(1), and  
470 (d)(2), by inserting "public" preceding "website", in the introductory language of  
471 subsection (c), by replacing "a website" with "a public website", by replacing "on its website"  
472 with "on such website", and by inserting "public" preceding "website:", and in the  
473 introductory language of subsection (d), by replacing "a website" with "a public website" and  
474 by replacing "on its website" with "on such website".

475 (74) Code Section 20-14-49.12, relating to rules and regulations and deadline for publication  
476 of information required by Code Section 20-14-49.11, in subsection (b), by inserting "public"  
477 preceding "website".

478 (75) Code Section 20-14-49.13, relating to reporting of percentage of students with each  
 479 state funded characteristic included in Code Section 20-2-161, online sortable database,  
 480 underlying fiscal data for financial efficiency ratings, and inter-agency cooperation, in  
 481 subsection (d), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

482 (76) Code Section 20-14-96, relating to accrediting agencies, standards, applicability, and  
 483 construction, in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

484 (77) Code Section 20-17-2, relating to provisions of The Interstate Compact on Educational  
 485 Opportunity for Military Children, in Section A of Article II and in Section A(1) of Article  
 486 III, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Sections 1209 and 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and  
 487 1211".

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### SECTION 21.

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

490 (1) Code Section 21-2-217, relating to rules for determining residence, by revising  
 491 subparagraph (a)(2)(B) and subsection (b) as follows:

492 "(B) If a person returns to his or her original or new residence after voting or  
 493 registering to vote in a different or separate jurisdiction, such person shall update ~~their~~  
 494 his or her voter registration with ~~their~~ his or her current residency jurisdiction in order  
 495 to be deemed a valid registered elector and resident of such jurisdiction for voting  
 496 purposes; and"

497 "(b) In determining a voter's qualification to register and vote, the registrars to whom such  
 498 application is made shall consider, in addition to the applicant's expressed intent, any  
 499 relevant circumstances determining the applicant's residence. The registrars taking such  
 500 registration may consider the applicant's financial independence; business pursuits; <sub>;</sub>  
 501 employment; income sources; residence for income tax purposes; age; marital status; <sub>;</sub>  
 502 residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any; leaseholds; sites of personal and real  
 503 property owned by the applicant; motor vehicle and other personal property registration; <sub>;</sub>

504 National Change of Address program information sponsored by the United States Postal  
505 Service; and other such factors that the registrars may reasonably deem necessary to  
506 determine the qualification of an applicant to vote in a primary or election. The decision  
507 of the registrars to whom such application is made shall be presumptive evidence of a  
508 person's residence for voting purposes."

509 **SECTION 22.**

510 Reserved.

511 **SECTION 23.**

512 Reserved.

513 **SECTION 24.**

514 Reserved.

515 **SECTION 25.**

516 Reserved.

517 **SECTION 26.**

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

520 (1) Code Section 26-4-116.1, relating to licensed health practitioners authorized to prescribe  
521 auto-injectable epinephrine for schools and pharmacists authorized to fill prescriptions, in  
522 subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 31-1-14" with "Code Section 31-1-15".

523 **SECTION 27.**

524 Reserved.

525 **SECTION 28.**

526 Reserved.

527 **SECTION 29.**

528 Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is  
529 amended in:

530 (1) Code Section 29-5-3, relating to order of preference in selecting conservator, nomination  
531 of individual to serve as conservator, and requirements of nomination, in paragraph (b)(4),  
532 by replacing "(c)" with "(d)".

533 **SECTION 30.**

534 Reserved.

535 **SECTION 31.**

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

537 (1) Code Section 31-1-6, relating to reuse of heart pacemakers, in subsection (b), by deleting  
538 ", as defined in subsection (a) of this Code section,".

539 (2) Code Section 31-1-8, relating to notice of proposed special facility, in the introductory  
540 language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in", in  
541 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "drug users as defined in paragraph (11) of" with "drug  
542 abusers as defined in", and in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "provided such" with "provided  
543 that such".

544 (3) Code Section 31-1-9, relating to breast-feeding of baby, by replacing "breast-feeding"  
545 with "breastfeeding" and by replacing "breast-feed" with "breastfeed".

546 (4) Code Section 31-1-19, relating to prohibition on expenditure or use of state resources to  
547 advocate for or intend to influence citizens in support of Medicaid expansion under the  
548 federal Affordable Care Act, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Law" with "P.L.".

549 (5) Code Section 31-1-24, relating to organ transplant protections for individuals with  
550 disabilities and civil relief for violations, in division (a)(2)(C)(ii), by inserting a comma  
551 following "Section 1320d" and by replacing "such Act" with "such act".

552 (6) Code Section 31-2-4, relating to department's powers, duties, functions, and  
553 responsibilities, divisions, directors, and contracts for health benefits, in  
554 subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "*State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.*,"  
555 with "State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.," and in the introductory language  
556 of subparagraph (d)(10)(B) and in subparagraph (d)(11)(B), by replacing "For purposes of"  
557 with "As used in".

558 (7) Code Section 31-2-8, relating to actions against certain applicants or licensees, in  
559 subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in", by replacing "shall be used  
560 to refer to" with "means", and by replacing "provisions of the law" with "provisions of law"  
561 and in subparagraph (c)(6)(B), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

562 (8) Code Section 31-2-17, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.

563 (9) Code Section 31-2-18, relating to website reporting on state health plans, in  
564 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Medical" with "The medical", in paragraph (a)(2), by  
565 replacing "PeachCare" with "The PeachCare", in the introductory language of subsection (b),  
566 by replacing "department website" with "department's public website", and in  
567 paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "non-emergent" with "nonemergent".

568 (10) Code Section 31-2A-12, relating to the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant  
569 Health and composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities, in subsection (c), by  
570 replacing "council" with "commission", in paragraph (e)(5), by inserting a comma following  
571 "chapter", and in subsection (h), by inserting "and reserved" following "repealed".

572 (11) Code Section 31-2A-16, relating to Maternal Mortality Review Committee established,  
573 in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Chapter 7 of Title 31," with "Chapter 7 of this title,".

574 (12) Code Section 31-5-3, relating to appeals, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "however,"  
575 with "however, that,".

576 (13) Code Section 31-6-21.1, relating to procedures for rule making by Department of  
577 Community Health, in subsection (h), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'rules'  
578 shall mean" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'rules' means".

579 (14) Code Section 31-6-40, relating to certificate of need required for new institutional  
580 health services and exemption, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, all" with "however,  
581 that all".

582 (15) Code Section 31-6-42, relating to qualifications for issuance of certificate, in the  
583 undesignated text at the end of subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used  
584 in".

585 (16) Code Section 31-6-43, relating to acceptance or rejection of application for certificate,  
586 in subsection (k), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

587 (17) Code Section 31-6-44.1, relating to judicial review, in subsection (c), by replacing  
588 "however," with "however, that".

589 (18) Code Section 31-6-45.2, relating to participation as Medicaid provider requirement,  
590 termination by health care facility of participation as provider of medical assistance, and  
591 monetary penalty, in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "For  
592 purposes of this Code section, 'good cause' shall mean:" with "As used in this Code section,  
593 the term 'good cause' means:".

594 (19) Code Section 31-6-70, relating to reports to the department by certain health care  
595 facilities and all ambulatory surgical centers and imaging centers and public availability, in  
596 the introductory language of paragraph (b)(8), by replacing "person" with "persons", in  
597 subsection (g), by replacing "department website" with "department's public website", and  
598 in subsection (h), by deleting "publicly" and by inserting "public" preceding "websites".

599 (20) Code Section 31-7-1, relating to definitions regarding regulation and construction of  
600 hospitals other health care facilities, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (4), by  
601 replacing "The term 'institution'" with "Such term" and in subparagraph (8)(B), by inserting  
602 "that" following "provided".

603 (21) Code Section 31-7-2.2, relating to determination that patients or residents in an  
604 institution, community living arrangement, or treatment program are in danger, relocation  
605 of patients or residents, and suspension of admissions, in the introductory language of  
606 paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "or program" with "or a program".

607 (22) Code Section 31-7-7, relating to refusal or revocation by public hospital of staff  
608 privileges, in subsection (a), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".

609 (23) Code Section 31-7-12, relating to personal care homes, licensure and registration,  
610 inspection by local boards, fees, investigations, waiver, variance, or exemption, staffing,  
611 training, and financial stability requirements, and certified medication aides, in  
612 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "This term" with "Such term" and by deleting "of  
613 subsection (b)".

614 (24) Code Section 31-7-12.2, relating to regulation and licensing of assisted living  
615 communities, legislative intent, definitions, procedures, and requirements for medication  
616 aides, in subsection (e), by replacing "Office" with "office".

617 (25) Code Section 31-7-12.8, relating to certification as nurse aide, employer sponsored  
618 training and competency examination programs, and provisional practice by military medical  
619 personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

620 (26) Code Section 31-7-55, relating to administration of state funds, by inserting "federal"  
621 preceding "Public Health Service Act".

622 (27) Code Section 31-7-56, relating to adherence to federal law and regulations, by inserting  
623 "federal" preceding "Public Health Service Act".

624 (28) Code Section 31-7-92, relating to filing of audits, by deleting the comma following  
625 "municipality".

626 (29) Code Section 31-7-133, relating to confidentiality of review organization's records, in  
627 subsection (a) and paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "however, such" with "however, that such".

628 (30) Code Section 31-7-407.1, relating to report of findings, by replacing "the time for  
629 issuing said" with "that the time for issuing such".

630 (31) Code Section 31-8-3, relating to disbursement of state funds to counties, by replacing  
631 "however, the" with "however, that the".

632 (32) Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, obligations of rural  
633 hospitals after receipt of funds, and posting information on website, in  
634 subparagraph (a)(3)(H), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in the  
635 introductory language of subsection (d) and in paragraph (d)(5), by inserting "public"  
636 preceding "website".

637 (33) Code Section 31-8-82, relating to persons required to report abuse or exploitation, time  
638 for making report, contents of report, records, and privileged communications, in  
639 paragraph (a)(9), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".

640 (34) Code Section 31-8-171, relating to definitions regarding quality assessment fees on care  
641 management organizations, in paragraph (1), by deleting "of the Official Code of Georgia  
642 Annotated" and by replacing "Sec." with "Section".

643 (35) Code Section 31-8-307, relating to referrals to the drug repository program, in the  
644 introductory language of subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "Corrections" and  
645 in paragraph (a)(3), by inserting a comma following "limited to".

646 (36) Code Section 31-9-2, relating to persons authorized to consent to surgical or medical  
647 treatment, in paragraph (a)(7), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph," with "As used  
648 in this paragraph, the term" and in subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As  
649 used in".

650 (37) Code Section 31-9-6.1, relating to disclosure of certain information to persons  
651 undergoing certain surgical or diagnostic procedures, failure to comply, exceptions, and  
652 regulations establishing standards for implementation, in paragraph (e)(4), by inserting a  
653 comma following "however, that".

654 (38) Code Section 31-9A-2, relating to definitions regarding woman's right to know, in  
655 paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'abortion'" with "Such term" each time the phrase

656 appears, in paragraph (6), by replacing "Internet" with "internet", and in paragraph (7), by  
657 replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens".

658 (39) Code Section 31-9A-3, relating to voluntary and informed consent to abortion and  
659 availability of ultrasound, in subparagraph (2)(D), by replacing "they shall" with "such  
660 materials shall".

661 (40) Code Section 31-9B-2, relating to requirement to determine presence of detectable  
662 human heartbeat of unborn child, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "Code  
663 Section 43-34-8".

664 (41) Code Section 31-10-14, relating to issuance of new certificate of birth following  
665 adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, in subsection (b), by replacing  
666 "step-parent" with "stepparent".

667 (42) Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and recertification of, and training for,  
668 paramedics and cardiac technicians, qualifications by felons, and provisional practice by  
669 military medical personnel, in subsection (e), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used  
670 in".

671 (43) Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified  
672 emergency medical technicians and trainees and provisional practice by military medical  
673 personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

674 (44) Code Section 31-11-82, relating to evaluation of person with emergency condition,  
675 initiation of intervention without prospective authorization, and insurer may not deny  
676 payment after prospective authorization given, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes  
677 of" with "As used in".

678 (45) Code Section 31-12-2, relating to reporting certain diseases and neonatal abstinence  
679 syndrome, confidentiality, reporting required of pharmacists, immunity from liability as to  
680 information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, in subsection (a), by  
681 replacing "however," with "however, that" and in paragraph (a.1)(2), by replacing  
682 "diagnosis" with "diagnoses".

683 (46) Code Section 31-12-3.1, relating to vaccination registry and reporting requirements,  
684 maintenance, and use of information, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b),  
685 by replacing "United States" with "federal".

686 (47) Code Section 31-12-4.1, relating to smallpox vaccination and treatment program, in  
687 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "workers," with "worker," and by replacing "said hospital"  
688 with "such hospital," and in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing  
689 "said" with "such".

690 (48) Code Section 31-12-13, relating to definitions concerning bloodborne pathogens,  
691 standards, and funds for research and development, in the introductory language of  
692 subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

693 (49) Code Section 31-13-6, relating to bonding licensees, in subsection (a), by replacing  
694 "bond not less" with "bond of not less".

695 (50) Code Section 31-14-14, relating to immunity from liability, by replacing "Title 31,"  
696 with "this title,".

697 (51) Code Section 31-17-4.2, relating to HIV and syphilis pregnancy screening, in  
698 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "28–32" with "28 to 32".

699 (52) Code Section 31-20-2, relating to performance of sterilization procedure upon request,  
700 by replacing "that prior to or at the time of such request" with "that, prior to or at the time of  
701 such request,".

702 (53) Code Section 31-21-3, relating to death of person with infectious or communicable  
703 disease, required reporting procedures, confidentiality, disclosure, and penalties, in the  
704 introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used  
705 in" and in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "or" with "and".

706 (54) Code Section 31-21-6, relating to notification of law enforcement agency upon  
707 disturbance, destruction, or debasement of human remains, in the introductory language of  
708 subsection (b), by replacing "ancestors of or" with "ancestors of".

709 (55) Code Section 31-21-7, relating to preneed contracts and revisions, affidavit on  
710 disposition of remains, role of probate court, warrant as to truthfulness, and liability of  
711 funeral home, in paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

712 (56) Code Section 31-21-20, relating to Board for the Distribution of Cadavers, by replacing  
713 "For the purposes of" with "As used in".

714 (57) Code Section 31-21-21, relating to delivery to board of certain unclaimed bodies, in  
715 subsection (a), by deleting "for distribution".

716 (58) Code Section 31-21-23, relating to distribution of bodies by board, by deleting "for  
717 distribution" and by deleting "above-specified".

718 (59) Code Section 31-21-24, relating to transportation of bodies, by deleting "for  
719 distribution" and by deleting "above".

720 (60) Code Section 31-21-26, relating to payment of expenses, by deleting "for distribution".

721 (61) Code Section 31-33-2, relating to furnishing copy of records to patient, provider, or  
722 other authorized person, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 1320d-2, et  
723 seq.," with "P.L. 104-191,".

724 (62) Code Section 31-33-7, relating to furnishing copies of psychological or psychiatric  
725 evaluation to law enforcement officer upon request, in subsection (c), by inserting a comma  
726 following "information".

727 (63) Code Section 31-33-8, relating to electronic records and application to psychiatric,  
728 psychological, or other mental health records, in subsection (g), by inserting a comma  
729 following "(d)".

730 (64) Code Section 31-34-4, relating to loan applicant qualifications and rules and  
731 regulations, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Education or the American Osteopathic  
732 Association" with "Education, the American Osteopathic Association," , in paragraph (c)(1),  
733 by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this  
734 article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this  
735 article," , and in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting

736 loans under the provisions of this article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting  
737 loans under the provisions of this article," and by replacing "future census state" with "future  
738 such census".

739 (65) Code Section 31-34-5, relating to service cancelable loan, amount, repayment, and  
740 determination of underserved rural areas, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "that for  
741 applicants that" with "that, for applicants who".

742 (66) Code Section 31-34-6, relating to contract between applicant and state agreeing to terms  
743 and conditions of loan, breach of contract, and service cancelable contracts, in  
744 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "article who breaches" with "article that breaches".

745 (67) Code Section 31-35-1, relating to legislative findings, by replacing "the United States  
746 Centers" with "the federal Centers".

747 (68) Code Section 31-36B-5, relating to healthcare decision making by lay caregiver, no  
748 delay in care, and responsibilities, in subsection (e), by replacing "Center for Medicare" with  
749 "federal Centers for Medicare".

750 (69) Code Section 31-41-12, relating to definitions regarding childhood lead exposure  
751 control, in paragraph (2), by replacing "age including" with "age, including" and in  
752 paragraph (7), by replacing "14 U.S.C. Code Section 185(b)(15)" with "P.L. 102-550,".

753 (70) Code Section 31-45A-3, relating to development of model aquatic safety plan, in  
754 subsection (a), by inserting "public" preceding "website" and in subsection (d), by inserting  
755 "federal" preceding "Centers".

756 (71) Code Section 31-49-3, relating to duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Council on  
757 Lupus Education and Awareness, in paragraph (a)(2), by inserting "federal" preceding  
758 "Centers" and in subsection (b), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

759 (72) Code Section 31-52-3, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Right to Try Act,"  
760 in subparagraph (5)(A), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".

761 (73) Code Section 31-53-3, relating to establishment of Office of Health Strategy and  
762 Coordination and powers and duties, in paragraph (b)(16), by inserting "and" preceding

763 "practice" and by replacing "outcome" with "outcomes" and in paragraph (b)(23), by  
764 replacing "Centralizing" with "Centralize".

765 (74) Code Section 31-53-47, relating to submission of claims and personal identification  
766 data not public record, in subsection (b), by deleting the comma following "paid" and by  
767 replacing "Data Submission Guide" with "data submission guide" and in subsection (d), by  
768 replacing "claim" with "claims".

769 (75) Code Section 31-53-50, relating to penalties for noncompliance, in subsection (b), by  
770 deleting the comma following "31-53-51".

771 (76) Code Section 31-54-2, relating to law enforcement powers, required training, and  
772 carrying of weapon, in subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "however, that" and  
773 "further, that" and in subsection (b), by replacing "must" with "shall".

774 (77) The following Code sections, by inserting "public" preceding "website" and "websites"  
775 each time the term appears:

776 (A) Code Section 31-1-18, relating to individuals with high risk for breast cancer and  
777 consumer information;

778 (B) Code Section 31-2-10, relating to information and comparisons regarding state-wide  
779 cost and quality of health care;

780 (C) Code Section 31-2-14, relating to nurse aide registry, complaint filing, and public  
781 access;

782 (D) Code Section 31-2-15, relating to streamlining and expediting credentialing and billing  
783 processes;

784 (E) Code Section 31-2A-36, relating to criteria for grant consideration;

785 (F) Code Section 31-2A-54, relating to listing of designated facilities and self-assessment  
786 tool;

787 (G) Code Section 31-7-22, relating to required publication by hospital of certain  
788 documentation on website, updating, penalty for noncompliance, enforcement, and  
789 individual criminal penalty;

- 790 (H) Code Section 31-7-193, relating to Palliative Care Consumer and Professional  
791 Information and Education Program;
- 792 (I) Code Section 31-7-434, relating to informational materials and public accessibility;
- 793 (J) Code Section 31-8-305, relating to substitutions of drugs or biological products,  
794 limitations, and recording;
- 795 (K) Code Section 31-11-115, relating to distribution of list of state identified stroke centers  
796 to emergency medical services providers, development of a model stroke triage assessment  
797 tool, and assessment, treatment, and transport of stroke patients;
- 798 (L) Code Section 31-11-116, relating to annual reports;
- 799 (M) Code Section 31-11-134, relating to data reporting system;
- 800 (N) Code Section 31-11-136, relating to listing of emergency cardiac care centers,  
801 emergency cardiac care triage assessment tool, and protocols;
- 802 (O) Code Section 31-45A-4, relating to publication of model aquatic safety plan on  
803 website and additional instructional materials;
- 804 (P) Code Section 31-49-4, relating to distribution of information;
- 805 (Q) Code Section 31-50-3, relating to purpose, required activities, and funding; and
- 806 (R) Code Section 31-53-6, relating to compiling of reports and public dissemination of  
807 data.
- 808 (78) The following Code sections, by inserting "federal" preceding "Centers for Disease  
809 Control and Prevention" each time the term appears:
- 810 (A) Code Section 31-7-18, relating to vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease  
811 for certain discharged patients, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers and  
812 other employees in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders;
- 813 (B) Code Section 31-7-19, relating to nursing homes to annually offer influenza  
814 vaccinations to health care workers and other employees and immunity from liability;
- 815 (C) Code Section 31-7-21, relating to provision of influenza education information to  
816 assisted living community residents;

817 (D) Code Section 31-12-3.2, relating to meningococcal disease, vaccinations, and  
818 disclosures; and

819 (E) Code Section 31-22-9.2, relating to HIV tests and report of positive results,  
820 notification, counseling, violations, exception for insurance coverage, and exposure of  
821 health care provider.

822 **SECTION 32.**

823 Reserved.

824 **SECTION 33.**

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

826 (1) Code Section 33-64-7, relating to the Commissioner of Insurance's authority over rules  
827 and regulations, in subsection (c), by replacing "deidentified" with "de-identified".

828 (2) Code Section 33-66-6, relating to data analysis and initial report, in subsection (b), by  
829 replacing "this Code Section" with "this Code section" and in subsection (c), by replacing  
830 "Governor's Office," with "Governor's office,".

831 **SECTION 34.**

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

834 (1) Code Section 34-8-167, relating to collection of delinquent contribution payments  
835 generally, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Sections 48-2-55 and 48-3-1" with "Code  
836 Section 48-2-55".

837 **SECTION 35.**

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

840 (1) Code Section 35-1-2, relating to examination of sexual assault victims and reports, in  
841 subsection (g), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

842 (2) Code Section 35-1-8, relating to acquisition, collection, classification, and preservation  
843 of information assisting in identifying deceased persons and locating missing persons, in  
844 paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in this  
845 subsection, the term".

846 (3) Code Section 35-1-19, relating to disclosure of arrest booking photographs prohibited,  
847 in subsection (b), by replacing "State Sexual Offender Registry," with "state sexual offender  
848 registry," and by inserting "public" preceding "website." and in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2),  
849 by inserting "public" preceding "website" each time the term appears.

850 (4) Code Section 35-2-15, relating to off-duty use of motor vehicles and other equipment by  
851 certain law enforcement officers, conditions for use, and rules and regulations, in  
852 paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board."

853 (5) Code Section 35-2-49, relating to provision of uniforms and equipment to sworn  
854 members of the Department of Public Safety and radio operators and retention of weapons  
855 and badges upon retirement, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department"  
856 each time the term appears and by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

857 (6) Code Section 35-2-51, relating to storeroom for excess clothing, equipment, and other  
858 articles and disposition of old and worn equipment, in subsection (b), by replacing "must"  
859 with "shall" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".

860 (7) Code Section 35-2-52, relating to clothing allowance for members of Uniform Division  
861 assigned permanently to personal security or special duty assignments, by replacing "Board  
862 of Public Safety," with "board,".

863 (8) Code Section 35-2-57, relating to use of retired unmarked pursuit cars for training, by  
864 replacing "Georgia State Patrol" with "Uniform Division" and by deleting "of public safety"  
865 following "commissioner".

866 (9) Code Section 35-2-81, relating to definitions regarding Department of Public Safety  
867 nomenclature, in paragraph (1), by replacing "Department of Public Safety," with  
868 "department," and by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraphs (4)  
869 through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively.

870 (10) Code Section 35-2-84, relating to procedure for seeking permission to use department  
871 nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board."

872 (11) Code Section 35-2-120, relating to definitions regarding the Capitol Police Division,  
873 by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (2).

874 (12) Code Section 35-3-5, relating to director and creation, appointment and removal, and  
875 powers and duties, in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board".

876 (13) Code Section 35-3-7, relating to agreements by director and commissioner for provision  
877 of services and material, by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner" and by  
878 replacing "Board of Public Safety," with "board,".

879 (14) Code Section 35-3-31, relating to establishment of center, staff and equipment  
880 generally, and State Personnel Board status of personnel, in subsection (a), by replacing  
881 "Georgia Bureau of Investigation," with "bureau," and in subsection (c), by replacing  
882 "Department of Public Safety," with "department,".

883 (15) Code Section 35-3-63, relating to creation of task force and purposes, by replacing  
884 "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with "bureau" each time the term appears and by replacing  
885 "This Antiterrorism Task Force" with "The task force".

886 (16) Code Section 35-3-104, relating to procedures for seeking permission to use bureau  
887 nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board."

888 (17) Code Section 35-3-150, relating to definitions regarding the Division of Forensic  
889 Sciences, by revising said Code section as follows:

890 "35-3-150.

891 As used in this article, the term:

892 (1) ~~'Board' means the Board of Public Safety.~~

- 893 ~~(2)~~(1) 'Crime lab' or 'state crime lab' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the  
894 Georgia Bureau of Investigation bureau.
- 895 ~~(3)~~ 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.
- 896 ~~(4)~~(2) 'Division' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of  
897 Investigation bureau.
- 898 ~~(5)~~(3) 'Division director' means the director of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the  
899 Georgia Bureau of Investigation bureau.
- 900 ~~(6)~~(4) 'Independent test' means a forensic analysis of evidence in the custody and  
901 possession of the state or any political subdivision or authority thereof conducted at the  
902 request of or on behalf of any person other than a prosecuting attorney, law enforcement  
903 officer, or other authorized agent of the state or which are ordered conducted by a court  
904 at the request of an accused.
- 905 ~~(7)~~(5) 'Regional medical examiner' shall have the same meaning as ~~defined in~~  
906 ~~paragraph (13) of~~ set forth in Code Section 45-16-21.
- 907 ~~(8)~~(6) 'Rule' or 'rules' means a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of  
908 Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'
- 909 (18) Code Section 35-3-204, relating to membership in Georgia Information Sharing and  
910 Analysis Center and availability of analysts, in subsection (a), by deleting "of public safety"  
911 following "commissioner".
- 912 (19) Code Section 35-5-2, relating to board authorized to establish, operate, and maintain  
913 center and powers of board as to selection and compensation of administrator, in the  
914 introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board"  
915 and in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training  
916 Center".
- 917 (20) Code Section 35-5-3, relating to assignment to Department of Public Safety for  
918 administrative purposes and authorization to solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations,

919 property, and services, in subsection (a), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety  
920 Training Center" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".

921 (21) Code Section 35-5-4, relating to powers and duties of administrator of Georgia Public  
922 Safety Training Center, by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center"  
923 each time the term appears.

924 (22) Code Section 35-5-5, relating to center available for use by certain personnel, fees,  
925 enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, in subsections (a),  
926 (b), and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center" each time  
927 the term appears.

928 (23) Code Section 35-5-7, relating to law enforcement unit, in subsection (a), by replacing  
929 "center," with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center,".

930 (24) Code Section 35-6A-3, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to  
931 holding public office, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Board of Public Safety," with  
932 "board," and by replacing "the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental  
933 Disabilities," with "behavioral health and developmental disabilities,".

934 (25) Code Section 35-6A-4, relating to election of chairperson and vice chairperson,  
935 meetings, minutes and records, and rules, in paragraph (2), by replacing "chairman" with  
936 "chairperson" and in paragraph (3), by inserting "and" at the end.

937 (26) Code Section 35-6A-10, relating to incentives for using federal Department of  
938 Homeland Security's Secure Communities initiative and obligations of council, in  
939 paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4), by replacing "Internet website;" with "public website;".

940 (27) Code Section 35-6A-11, relating to juvenile justice advisory board and membership,  
941 in paragraph (a)(8), by deleting "and" at the end and in subsection (d), by replacing "must"  
942 with "shall".

943 (28) Code Section 35-6A-13, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as  
944 reserved.

945 (29) Code Section 35-6A-14, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as  
946 reserved.

947 (30) Code Section 35-6A-15, relating to grant program for transportation costs to emergency  
948 treatment facilities, by replacing "the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council" with "the  
949 council".

950 (31) Code Section 35-6A-17, relating to the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention  
951 Advisory Board, membership, and termination, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Office of  
952 the Attorney General;" with "office of the Attorney General;".

953 (32) Code Section 35-8-3, relating to the establishment of Georgia Peace Officer Standards  
954 and Training Council, membership, organization, and administrative assignment to  
955 Department of Public Safety, in paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of public safety" following  
956 "commissioner" and in subsection (e), by replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with  
957 "the department".

958 (33) Code Section 35-8-7.4, relating to bias motivated intimidation of first responders and  
959 prosecution and penalty, in subsection (a), by replacing the comma with a semicolon  
960 following "fire department" and by replacing the comma with a semicolon following "Code  
961 Section 35-8-2".

962 (34) Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of  
963 persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and  
964 "employment related information" defined, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "For purposes  
965 of this subsection," with "As used in this subsection,".

966 (35) Code Section 35-8-10, relating to applicability and effect of certification requirements  
967 generally and requirements as to exempt persons, in subsection (b), by replacing "Department  
968 of Public Safety," with "department," and by replacing "must" with "shall".

969 (36) Code Section 35-8-13.1, relating to training and certification of municipal probation  
970 officers, in subsection (e), by replacing "The term 'municipal probation officer' as used in this  
971 Code section means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'municipal probation

972 officer' means", by replacing "the term 'municipal probation officer'" with "such term", and  
973 by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council"  
974 and in subsection (f), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training  
975 Council" with "the council".

976 (37) Code Section 35-8-20, relating to training requirements for police chiefs, department  
977 heads, and wardens, effect of failure to fulfill training requirement, and waiver of  
978 requirements, in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards  
979 and Training Council" with "the council".

980 (38) Code Section 35-8-20.1, relating to training for police chiefs and department heads  
981 appointed after June 30, 1999, and waivers, in subsections (b) and (h), by replacing "the  
982 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

983 (39) Code Section 35-8-21, relating to training requirements for peace officers, waiver,  
984 exemption for retired peace officers, and confirmation of training, in subsection (a), by  
985 replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with "the department" and by deleting "of public  
986 safety" following "commissioner" and in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia  
987 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

988 (40) Code Section 35-8-23, relating to basic training course for communications officers,  
989 certification requirements, duties of council, and rules and regulations, in subsection (d), by  
990 replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)".

991 (41) Code Section 35-8-24, relating to training requirements for jail officers and juvenile  
992 correctional officers, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (c), by replacing "the  
993 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

994 (42) Code Section 35-8-26, relating to TASER and electronic control weapons, requirements  
995 for use, establishment of policies, and training, in subsection (c), by replacing "the Georgia  
996 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

997 (43) The following Code sections, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with  
998 "department" each time the term appears:

- 999 (A) Code Section 35-1-22, relating to prohibition on law enforcement retaining license  
1000 plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems, limited use of data,  
1001 and public disclosure prohibited;
- 1002 (B) Code Section 35-2-1, relating to creation of Board of Public Safety, composition, and  
1003 appointment and terms of office of members;
- 1004 (C) Code Section 35-2-31, relating to composition;
- 1005 (D) Code Section 35-2-36.1, relating to Auxiliary Service of the Uniform Division,  
1006 appointment of members, salary, authority and powers, equipment, and eligibility;
- 1007 (E) Code Section 35-2-41.1, relating to donation or conveyance of property, equipment,  
1008 or services to the department and procedure;
- 1009 (F) Code Section 35-2-44, relating to enlistment, examination, preliminary training,  
1010 subsequent instruction, and rules and regulations for discipline and conduct of recruits and  
1011 troopers of Uniform Division;
- 1012 (G) Code Section 35-2-45, relating to promotions of personnel in Uniform Division;
- 1013 (H) Code Section 35-2-49.1, relating to retention of badge and weapon by disabled law  
1014 enforcement officer;
- 1015 (I) Code Section 35-2-50, relating to purchasing of uniforms, supplies, and equipment;
- 1016 (J) Code Section 35-2-53, relating to members of Uniform Division to receive no costs or  
1017 emoluments, exception for rewards, and payment and distribution of fines and costs;
- 1018 (K) Code Section 35-2-74, relating to Governor to prescribe coverage by State Personnel  
1019 Board;
- 1020 (L) Code Section 35-2-102, relating to weight inspector positions, training, powers and  
1021 responsibilities, and presence of certified peace officer;
- 1022 (M) Code Section 35-2-140, relating to transfer of certain personnel, aircraft, and other  
1023 assets from the Georgia Aviation Authority to the department;
- 1024 (N) Code Section 35-2-160, relating to definitions regarding Office of Public Safety  
1025 Support;

- 1026 (O) Code Section 35-2-161, relating to Office of Public Safety Support established;
- 1027 (P) Code Section 35-2-163, relating to peer counseling and critical incident support  
1028 services, certification, and employment of necessary staff;
- 1029 (Q) Code Section 35-3-4, relating to powers and duties of bureau generally;
- 1030 (R) Code Section 35-4-3, relating to academy assigned to department for administrative  
1031 purposes; and
- 1032 (S) Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions regarding employment and training of  
1033 peace officers.
- 1034 (44) The following Code sections, by replacing "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with  
1035 "bureau" each time the term appears:
- 1036 (A) Code Section 35-3-3, relating to divisions of bureau;
- 1037 (B) Code Section 35-3-33, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information  
1038 Center generally;
- 1039 (C) Code Section 35-3-34, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to  
1040 private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and  
1041 provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant  
1042 Criminal Background Check System;
- 1043 (D) Code Section 35-3-80, relating to definitions regarding the Missing Children  
1044 Information Center;
- 1045 (E) Code Section 35-3-81, relating to establishment, development, maintenance, and  
1046 operation of center and staff;
- 1047 (F) Code Section 35-3-84, relating to sending information to center;
- 1048 (G) Code Section 35-3-151, relating to responsibilities of the Division of Forensic  
1049 Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;
- 1050 (H) Code Section 35-3-152, relating to appointment, powers, and responsibilities of  
1051 division director;

- 1052 (I) Code Section 35-3-160, relating to DNA analysis in felony convictions and certain  
1053 felony charges and performance of tests; and  
1054 (J) Code Section 35-3-201, relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis  
1055 Center established and purpose.

1056 **SECTION 36.**

1057 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended  
1058 in:

1059 (1) Code Section 36-1-20, relating to ordinances for governing and policing of  
1060 unincorporated areas of county, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "however,  
1061 that" and by inserting a comma following "Clean Water Act".

1062 (2) Code Section 36-5-28, relating to members of county governing authority to receive  
1063 compensation increase when classified service employees receive increase, calculation, and  
1064 effective date, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1065 (3) Code Section 36-8-8, relating to limitation on decreasing funding for county police force  
1066 and exceptions, in paragraph (c)(3), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

1067 (4) Code Section 36-9-3, relating to sale or disposition of county real property generally,  
1068 right of certain counties to make private sale, and right of county to negotiate and  
1069 consummate private sales of recreational set-asides, in division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing  
1070 "Create a website which posts:" with "Create a public website which posts", in  
1071 subparagraph (a)(3)(D), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,", and in  
1072 subparagraph (g)(3)(B), by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1073 (5) Code Section 36-17-21, relating to allocation of funds, grant of tax credit to homesteads  
1074 as prerequisite to receipt of funds, and use of surplus funds, in subsection (a), by replacing  
1075 "For purposes of" with "As used in".

1076 (6) Code Section 36-32-2, relating to appointment of judges, in paragraph (a)(2), by  
1077 replacing "provided such" with "provided that such".

1078 (7) Code Section 36-32-2.1, relating to removal of judges, in the introductory language of  
1079 paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "alleged" with "alleges" and in subparagraph (b)(3)(D), by  
1080 deleting "of subsection (c)".

1081 (8) Code Section 36-32-13, relating to municipal court clerks and role of Municipal Courts  
1082 Training Council, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes  
1083 of" with "As used in".

1084 (9) Code Section 36-34-5, relating to acquisition and construction of water and sewage  
1085 systems, in subsection (b), by replacing "subsection (c)" with "subsection (d)".

1086 (10) Code Section 36-36-4, relating to creation of unincorporated islands prohibited and  
1087 authorization to provide services or functions, in subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes  
1088 of this subsection, 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as contained in  
1089 paragraph (3) of Code Section 36-36-90." with "As used in this subsection, the term  
1090 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 36-36-90."

1091 (11) Code Section 36-36-11, relating to effect of objection to land use following rezoning  
1092 and minimum procedures for addressing issues, in subsection (a), by replacing "however,  
1093 that" with "however, that,".

1094 (12) Code Section 36-36-16, relating to procedures for annexation and referendum, in  
1095 subsection (b), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1096 (13) Code Section 36-36-112, relating to prohibition on a change in zoning or land use, by  
1097 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1098 (14) Code Section 36-36-115, relating to meetings of arbitration panel, duties, findings and  
1099 recommendations, and compensation, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "however, that" with  
1100 "however, that," and in paragraph (a)(6), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

1101 (15) Code Section 36-37-6, relating to disposition of municipal property generally, in  
1102 division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing "Create a website which posts:" with "Create a public  
1103 website which posts" and in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however,  
1104 that,".

1105 (16) Code Section 36-41-3, relating to definitions regarding urban residential finance  
1106 authorities for large municipalities, in paragraph (14), by replacing "The term 'real property'"  
1107 with "Such term", in paragraph (16), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and  
1108 by replacing "The term 'residential housing'" with "Such term", and in paragraph (17), by  
1109 replacing "The term 'security interest'" with "Such term".

1110 (17) Code Section 36-45-20, relating to training course regarding clerk of the governing  
1111 authority of a municipality, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used  
1112 in".

1113 (18) Code Section 36-60-6, relating to utilization of federal work authorization program,  
1114 "employee" defined, issuance of license, evidence of state licensure, annual reporting,  
1115 standardized form affidavit, violation, and investigations, in subsection (b), by replacing "For  
1116 purposes of" with "As used in" and in subsection (f), by inserting "public" preceding  
1117 "website".

1118 (19) Code Section 36-60-15.1, relating to operation and maintenance of water treatment  
1119 systems by private entities, by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'applicant'  
1120 means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'applicant' means".

1121 (20) Code Section 36-60-17, relating to water supplier's cut off of water to property because  
1122 of indebtedness of prior owner, occupant, or lessee prohibited, records required, statement  
1123 of past due amounts, and limited liens for unpaid charges for water, gas, sewerage service,  
1124 or electricity, in subparagraph (c)(1)(D), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

1125 (21) Code Section 36-60-19, relating to dispatch centers, required training for  
1126 communications officers, exceptions, and penalty for noncompliance, in subsection (a), by  
1127 replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)" each time the term appears.

1128 (22) Code Section 36-60-21, relating to contracts with private companies to construct and  
1129 operate private toll roads and bridges to facilitate public transportation without additional tax  
1130 revenues, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1131 (23) Code Section 36-60-24, relating to sale or use or ignition of consumer fireworks  
1132 products, in subsection (f), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in  
1133 this Code section," and by replacing "provided" with "set forth".

1134 (24) Code Section 36-60-29, relating to limitation on decreasing funding for municipal  
1135 police force and exceptions, in paragraph (c)(3), by inserting "public" preceding "website".

1136 (25) Code Section 36-61-4, relating to encouragement of private enterprise, in  
1137 subparagraph (b)(3)(B), by inserting "public" preceding "websites".

1138 (26) Code Section 36-63-2, relating to purpose of chapter regarding resource recovery  
1139 development authorities, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1140 (27) Code Section 36-63-4, relating to definitions regarding resource recovery development  
1141 authorities, in paragraph (10), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

1142 (28) Code Section 36-63-8, relating to powers of authority generally, in paragraph (a)(6),  
1143 by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1144 (29) Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions regarding zoning procedures, in  
1145 paragraph (1.1), by replacing "powers including" with "powers, including" and in  
1146 paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".

1147 (30) Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of  
1148 hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and  
1149 procedure on zoning, in subsection (a), by replacing "this Code Section." with "this Code  
1150 section."

1151 (31) Code Section 36-66C-7, relating to requirements of authority following receipt of  
1152 application, notification of time lapse, consolidated application, limitation on installation  
1153 locations and permits, reconditioning work, time restrictions, imminent risk to public safety,  
1154 repair of damage, and delivery of notice or decision, in paragraph (j)(8), by replacing  
1155 "Title 36" with "this title" and in paragraph (m)(4), by replacing "120 days written notice"  
1156 with "120 days' written notice".

1157 (32) Code Section 36-70-2, relating to definitions regarding coordinated and comprehensive  
1158 planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, in paragraph (4), by deleting  
1159 "of the State of Georgia created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50" and in  
1160 paragraph (5.2), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".

1161 (33) Code Section 36-70-21, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to implementation  
1162 agreements, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "December 31st" with "December 31".

1163 (34) Code Section 36-70-22, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to date for process  
1164 initiation and notice to municipalities and counties impacted, in paragraph (a)(1), by  
1165 replacing "April 1st" with "April 1" and by replacing "July 1st" with "July 1".

1166 (35) Code Section 36-70-22.1, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to response  
1167 proposals, in subsection (a), by deleting ", and" following "Code Section 36-70-23" and by  
1168 replacing "all such factual" with "all factual".

1169 (36) Code Section 36-70-25.2, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to nonbinding  
1170 arbitration process, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "the 180th day" with "180 days".

1171 (37) Code Section 36-70-25.3, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to judicial resolution  
1172 of certain disputes, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (b), by replacing  
1173 "non-binding" with "nonbinding".

1174 (38) Code Section 36-72-2, relating to definitions regarding abandoned cemeteries and  
1175 burial grounds, in paragraph (3), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".

1176 (39) Code Section 36-76-2, relating to definitions regarding expedited franchising of cable  
1177 and video services, in subparagraph (8)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however,  
1178 that,", in subparagraph (8)(E), by replacing "Internet" with "internet" each time the term  
1179 appears, and in paragraph (17), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".

1180 (40) Code Section 36-76-4, relating to application process for the issuance of a state  
1181 franchise and fees, in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "geographical area" with "geographic  
1182 area" and in paragraph (g)(8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1183 (41) Code Section 36-80-16.1, relating to the PILOT Restriction Act, payments in lieu of  
1184 taxes defined, and financing capital projects, in the undesignated text at the end of  
1185 subsection (b), by replacing "The term 'payments in lieu of taxes'" with "Such term".

1186 (42) Code Section 36-80-17, relating to authorization to contract for utility services and  
1187 conditions and limitations, in subsection (a), by replacing "the term 'local authority' does"  
1188 with "such term does".

1189 (43) Code Section 36-80-19, relating to general codification of ordinances and resolutions,  
1190 publication and availability of code, and official state repository for general codifications,  
1191 in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".

1192 (44) Code Section 36-80-25, relating to financing of public projects by local entities, in  
1193 subsection (a), by replacing "health care" with "healthcare".

1194 (45) Code Section 36-80-26, relating to multi-county community improvement districts for  
1195 transit projects, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes  
1196 of" with "As used in" and in subsection (b), by replacing "multi-county" with "multicounty".

1197 (46) Code Section 36-81-2, relating to definitions regarding local government budgets and  
1198 audits, in paragraph (7), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in  
1199 paragraph (16), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph, 'county' includes" with "As  
1200 used in this paragraph, the term 'county' includes".

1201 (47) Code Section 36-82-1, relating to election for bonded debt, right to sell bonds at  
1202 discount, advertisements as binding statements of intention, use of surpluses, meetings open  
1203 to public, and refunding, in subsection (f), by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1204 (48) Code Section 36-82-60, relating to short title regarding revenue bonds, by inserting  
1205 "shall be known and" preceding "may be cited".

1206 (49) Code Section 36-82-75, relating to duty of district attorney or Attorney General to file  
1207 petition, order to show cause, service of petition and order, and answer, by replacing  
1208 "however," with "however, that".

1209 (50) Code Section 36-82-182, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Allocation  
1210 System," in paragraph (3), by replacing "For purposes of this article, the term "bonds"" with  
1211 "Such term" and in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term "business day"" with "Such term".

1212 (51) Code Section 36-82-240, relating to definitions regarding commercial paper notes from  
1213 government, in paragraph (2), by replacing "The term 'governmental entity' does not include  
1214 'state authorities' as defined in paragraph (9) of Code Section 50-17-21." with "Such term  
1215 does not include state authorities as defined in Code Section 50-17-21."

1216 (52) Code Section 36-85-2, relating to formation, functions, counties and municipalities as  
1217 separate classes, agreements creating agencies, and files of administrator are sole property  
1218 of agency, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".

1219 (53) Code Section 36-91-20, relating to written contract required, advertising, competitive  
1220 sealed bidding, timing of addendums, and prequalification, in paragraph (b)(1), by inserting  
1221 "public" preceding "website" and "websites" and in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "Internet"  
1222 with "internet" each time the term appears.

1223 (54) Code Section 36-91-21, relating to competitive award requirements, in  
1224 paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1225 (55) Code Section 36-91-50, relating to projects requiring bid bonds, revocation of bids, and  
1226 surety, in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1227 (56) Code Section 36-91-102, relating to planning, finance, construction, acquisition,  
1228 leasing, operation, and maintenance of projects, implementation, and lobbying restrictions,  
1229 in paragraph (c)(2), by inserting "public" preceding "websites".

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### **SECTION 37.**

1231 Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in:

1232 (1) Code Section 37-2-6.5, relating to cessation of operations by community service board,  
1233 notification, and continuation of operations by successor board, county board of health, or  
1234 outside manager, in paragraph (b)(2), by deleting "paragraph (1) of".

1235 (2) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients  
1236 to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination  
1237 in providing services prohibited, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 37-3-6.1,"  
1238 with "Code Section 37-2-6.1,".

1239 (3) Code Section 37-7-167, relating to right of patient to examine his records and to request  
1240 correction of inaccuracies, promulgation of rules and regulations, and judicial supervision  
1241 of files and records relating to proceedings under this chapter, in subsection (d), by inserting  
1242 "of subsection (a)" following "paragraphs (7) and (8)".

1243 **SECTION 38.**

1244 Reserved.

1245 **SECTION 39.**

1246 Reserved.

1247 **SECTION 40.**

1248 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
1249 amended in:

1250 (1) Code Section 40-1-221, relating to assumption of liability and insurance, in  
1251 paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "car sharing" with "car-sharing" and in subsection (f), by  
1252 replacing "car-sharing" with "peer-to-peer car-sharing".

1253 (2) Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of  
1254 registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor  
1255 vehicles, in subsection (d), by inserting a comma following "taxes".

1256 (3) Code Section 40-5-100, relating to application, contents of card, prohibition on  
1257 possession of more than one card, and optional contributions to and participation in voluntary

1258 programs, in paragraph (f)(2), by replacing "a identification card" with "an identification  
1259 card".

1260 (4) Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with  
1261 recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, in the  
1262 introductory language of subsection (h), by inserting "of this Code section" following  
1263 "subsection (g)".

1264 (5) Code Section 40-16-8, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

1265 **SECTION 41.**

1266 Reserved.

1267 **SECTION 42.**

1268 Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended  
1269 in:

1270 (1) Code Section 42-1-12, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, in  
1271 paragraph (a)(6.1), by replacing "paragraph (2)" with "paragraph (3)".

1272 (2) Code Section 42-5-64, relating to educational programming and information provided  
1273 to released prisoners, in subsection (f), by replacing "a personal identification card" with "an  
1274 identification card".

1275 **SECTION 43.**

1276 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,  
1277 is amended in:

1278 (1) Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces,  
1279 in the introductory language of paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "described herein," with "set  
1280 forth in this Code section,".

- 1281 (2) Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active  
1282 or transitioning members of the armed forces and license by endorsement for certain  
1283 professions, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "or a law" with "or  
1284 law" and by replacing "individual has:" with "individual:".
- 1285 (3) Code Section 43-6-11, relating to qualifications of applicants for auctioneer's license, in  
1286 subsection (d), by inserting "diploma" following "(HSE)".
- 1287 (4) Code Section 43-11-2.1, relating to board authority, appointment, powers, and duties of  
1288 executive director and meetings, in subsection (b), by replacing "Chapter 1 of Title 43" with  
1289 "Chapter 1 of this title".
- 1290 (5) Code Section 43-15-2, relating to definitions regarding professional engineers and land  
1291 surveyors, in paragraph (5.1), by replacing "'Executive Director'" with "'Executive director'".
- 1292 (6) Code Section 43-24A-19, relating to exceptions regarding the "Georgia Massage  
1293 Therapy Practice Act," in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title".
- 1294 (7) Code Section 43-26-10, relating to practicing without a license prohibited, in  
1295 paragraph (4), by replacing "so to practice" with "to practice".
- 1296 (8) Code Section 43-27-2, relating to State Board of Long-Term Care Facility  
1297 Administrators and members, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing  
1298 "eleven" with "11".
- 1299 (9) Code Section 43-28-21, relating to text of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact,  
1300 in Section 2A, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and Section 1211" with "10 U.S.C.  
1301 Chapters 1209 and 1211".
- 1302 (10) Code Section 43-33-18, relating to refusal to grant or restore licenses, discipline of  
1303 licensees, suspension, revocation, or restriction of licenses, and immunity for violation  
1304 reporters, in the introductory language of subparagraph (a)(2)(A), division (a)(2)(A)(i), and  
1305 subparagraph (a)(2)(E), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title" each time the term appears.

- 1306 (11) Code Section 43-33-31, relating to ratification and text of the Physical Therapy  
1307 Licensure Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211" with  
1308 "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".
- 1309 (12) Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced  
1310 practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, conditions of nurse  
1311 protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, in paragraph (g)(10), by replacing "and  
1312 who" with "who", in paragraph (g.1)(2), by deleting the comma following "body", and in  
1313 subparagraph (m)(2)(C), by deleting "that".
- 1314 (13) Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant,  
1315 authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, in paragraph (c)(4), by deleting "that".
- 1316 (14) Code Section 43-34-290, relating to confidentiality of records regarding pain  
1317 management clinics, by replacing "Chapter 34 of Title 43" with "this chapter".
- 1318 (15) Code Section 43-41-8, relating to eligibility for licensure without examination,  
1319 reciprocity, and burden upon applicant, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or  
1320 her".
- 1321 (16) Code Section 43-41-18, relating to certain military specialties or certifications entitle  
1322 persons to obtain certain professional licenses, in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing  
1323 "residential light-commercial" with "residential-light commercial" each time the phrase  
1324 appears.
- 1325 (17) Chapters 42 and 48, which are repealed, by designating said chapters as reserved.
- 1326 (18) Code Section 43-44-31, relating to text of the Audiology and Speech-Language  
1327 Pathology Interstate Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and  
1328 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".
- 1329 (19) Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article regarding licensing of  
1330 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, in paragraph (19), by replacing "laws;" with "laws;  
1331 or".

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**SECTION 44.**

1333 Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in:

1334 (1) Code Section 44-2-39, relating to adoption of rules and regulations and standardization,  
1335 in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

1336 (2) Code Section 44-3-106, relating to powers and responsibilities of condominium  
1337 associations and tort actions, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "complied with or" with  
1338 "complied with; or".

1339 (3) Code Section 44-3-230, relating to frequency of meetings and notice regarding property  
1340 owners' associations, in subsection (b), by replacing "may called" with "may be called".

1341 (4) Code Section 44-3-231, relating to powers and duties of property owners' associations  
1342 and legal actions against agent or employee of association, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing  
1343 "compiled with or" with "complied with; or".

1344 (5) Code Section 44-5-60, relating to effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements  
1345 for use of public, renewal of certain covenants, and costs, in subsection (b), by replacing  
1346 "provided, however, that" with "provided, however, that," and in paragraph (d)(6), by  
1347 replacing "15 individuals plots" with "15 individual plots".

1348 (6) Code Section 44-7-55, relating to judgment, writ of possession, landlord's liability for  
1349 wrongful conduct, distribution of funds paid into court, and personal property, by revising  
1350 subsection (e) as follows:

1351 "(e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sheriff, constable, or marshal to execute  
1352 a writ of possession within 30 days from the issuance of any order granting a writ of  
1353 possession, or the issuance, application, or request for the execution of the writ of  
1354 possession; provided, however, that, in the event the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff,  
1355 constable, or marshal is unable to execute the writ within 14 days from the landlord's  
1356 application or request for such execution, the landlord shall be entitled to utilize the  
1357 services of an off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other individual  
1358 certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council having authority

1359 within the jurisdiction wherein the premises lie to execute such writ at the landlord's sole  
1360 cost and expense. The sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain  
1361 a list of authorized off-duty sheriffs, ~~sheriff deputies~~ deputy sheriffs, constables, marshals,  
1362 and other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training  
1363 Council and make the same available upon request by the landlord. The sheriff, ~~sheriff~~  
1364 deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain administrative authority over any  
1365 persons executing writs under this subsection. The landlord shall provide written notice  
1366 to the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal of the date and time of the  
1367 execution of the writ by such off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, marshal,  
1368 or other ~~individuals~~ individual certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and  
1369 Training Council at least five calendar days in advance of such execution in order to permit  
1370 the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal to note the same within ~~their~~ his or  
1371 her own records."

1372 (7) Code Section 44-11-30, relating to manner of ejecting intruders, affidavit, ejection by  
1373 sheriff and other peace officers, and counteraffidavit, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with  
1374 "deputy sheriff," each time the term appears.

1375 (8) Code Section 43-11-31, relating to sheriff and other peace officers competent to  
1376 administer oath to person in possession, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff,".

1377 (9) Code Section 44-11-32, relating to procedure on submission of counteraffidavit, trial,  
1378 nonmeritorious submission, and appeal, by deleting the subsection (a) designation and in  
1379 paragraphs (1) and (2), by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff," each time the  
1380 term appears.

1381 (10) Code Section 44-11-33, relating to issuance of writ of possession, fi. fa. for costs, and  
1382 presentation to law enforcement, by replacing "44-11-32, finds" with "44-11-32 finds".

1383 (11) Code Section 44-12-231, relating to enforcement of article regarding disposition of  
1384 unclaimed property and properties not paid over on a timely basis, in subsection (b), by  
1385 replacing "48-3-1" with "48-3-3".

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**SECTION 45.**

1387 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,  
1388 is amended in:

1389 (1) Code Section 45-9-81, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia State Indemnification  
1390 Fund, in paragraph (1), by repealing and reserving said paragraph.

1391 (2) Code Section 45-17-8, relating to powers and duties generally of notaries public, in  
1392 subsection (e), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

1393 (3) Code Section 45-19-44, relating to unlawful practices punishable by civil fine, at the end  
1394 of the introductory language of paragraph (a)(5), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

1395

**SECTION 46.**

1396 Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public  
1397 transportation, is amended in:

1398 (1) Code Section 46-2-8, relating to payment of salaries and expenses by commission,  
1399 appropriations for salaries and expenses, and designation of Public Service Commission  
1400 Fund, by replacing "for Commissioners," with "for the Commissioners,".

1401 (2) Code Section 46-2-23.1, relating to "alternative form of regulation" defined, filing,  
1402 notice, approval, and release of interstate pipeline capacity, in subparagraph (i)(1)(C), by  
1403 replacing "that if" with "that, if".

1404 (3) Code Section 46-2-26.3, relating to recovery of costs of conversion from oil-burning to  
1405 coal-burning generating facility, filing of request, public hearing, determination of rate, and  
1406 adjustments, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Service Commission" with "commission"  
1407 and by revising subsection (b) as follows:

1408 ~~"(b) As used in this Code section, the term~~ For the purposes of this Code section, the  
1409 ~~following words or terms shall have the following meanings:~~

1410 (1) 'Coal' ~~shall mean~~ means coal used as a primary energy source.

1411 (2) 'Commission' ~~shall mean the Georgia Public Service Commission.~~

1412 ~~(3)~~(2)(A) 'Cost of conversion' ~~shall mean~~ means costs as determined by the  
1413 commission to be reasonable and necessary for the conversion of an oil-burning electric  
1414 generating facility to the burning of coal. Such costs shall include, but not be limited  
1415 to, engineering, administrative, and legal costs; the cost of environmental studies and  
1416 control equipment, coal-handling and storage equipment, including rail facilities,  
1417 equipment and facilities necessary to permit the combustion of coal; the cost of  
1418 retrofitting or refurbishing boilers to permit the combustion of coal; the cost of on-site  
1419 and off-site facilities for handling, storing, and disposing of wastes resulting from the  
1420 combustion of coal; and the cost of all other facilities reasonable and necessary to  
1421 allow the conversion of an oil-burning electric generating facility to burn coal. Such  
1422 costs shall also include the reasonable cost of capital for such conversion and for  
1423 carrying the cost of such conversion until such costs are recovered as provided in this  
1424 Code section. In no case shall ~~cost of conversion~~ such term include any costs incurred  
1425 pursuant to an expansion of an electric generating facility's generating capacity above  
1426 the generating capacity of said facility that existed prior to the conversion from oil to  
1427 coal.

1428 (B) Such term ~~'Cost of conversion'~~ shall not include the amount financed by the  
1429 company through tax-exempt pollution control bonds, if any, of any portion of the  
1430 project certified by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural  
1431 Resources, or other agency vested with similar authority, to be a pollution control  
1432 facility and therefore eligible for financing under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue  
1433 Code and the regulations thereunder or other similar law or regulation now or hereafter  
1434 adopted.

1435 ~~(4)~~(3) 'Fuel cost savings' ~~shall mean~~ means the amount of fuel savings to be obtained by  
1436 operating the facility converted from oil to coal-fired operation during the facility's first  
1437 full 12 months of operation using coal as its primary fuel as compared to the operation  
1438 of such facility on oil, had it been so operated, during the same 12 month period.

1439 (5)(4) 'Utility' ~~shall mean~~ means any retail supplier of electricity subject to the  
1440 rate-making jurisdiction of the commission."

1441 (4) Code Section 46-2-26.5, relating to gas supply plans and adjustment factors, filings and  
1442 hearing procedures, and recovery of purchase gas cost, by deleting paragraph (a)(2) and  
1443 redesignating paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(8) as paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(7),  
1444 respectively.

1445 (5) Code Section 46-2-28, relating to procedure for issuance of stocks, bonds, notes, or other  
1446 debt by companies under commission's jurisdiction and exemptions, in the introductory  
1447 language of subsection (g), by deleting "paragraph (10) of".

1448 (6) Code Section 46-3-1, relating to the short title regarding allocation of territorial rights  
1449 to electric suppliers, by inserting "and may be cited" following "known".

1450 (7) Code Section 46-3-3, relating to definitions regarding allocation of territorial rights to  
1451 electric suppliers, in paragraph (2), by replacing "has the meaning provided by paragraph (3)  
1452 of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in".

1453 (8) Code Section 46-3-4, relating to assignment or declaration as unassigned areas-B of  
1454 geographic areas outside municipal limits as of March 29, 1973, in paragraph (3), by  
1455 replacing "provided that if" with "provided that, if" and by replacing "however, that" with  
1456 "however, that,".

1457 (9) Code Section 46-3-7, relating to assignment and unassignment of geographic areas  
1458 annexed to municipalities after March 29, 1973, in subparagraphs (2)(A) and (2)(D), by  
1459 replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1460 (10) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions regarding high-voltage safety, in  
1461 paragraph (3), by replacing "this term" with "such term".

1462 (11) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten  
1463 feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language, by deleting "as defined in  
1464 paragraph (6) of Code Section 46-3-32".

1465 (12) Code Section 46-3-52, relating to jurisdiction of commission over cogeneration facility  
1466 the energy from which is used solely by operator, by deleting paragraph (3) and  
1467 redesignating paragraphs (4) through (12) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively.

1468 (13) Code Section 46-3-62, relating to definitions regarding solar power free-market  
1469 financing, in paragraph (5), by replacing "has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (3)  
1470 of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in" and in paragraph (9), by replacing "has  
1471 the same meaning as provided in paragraph (6) of" with "shall have the same meaning as set  
1472 forth in".

1473 (14) Code Section 46-3-66, relating to construction and applicability, in subsections (d) and  
1474 (e), by replacing "the effective date of this part" with "July 1, 2015,".

1475 (15) Code Section 46-3-115, relating terms of authority members generally and time of  
1476 meeting of election committee prior to annual meeting of authority, by replacing "provided  
1477 that" with "provided that,".

1478 (16) Code Section 46-3-120, relating to quorum of authority, action by majority vote, and  
1479 adjournment of meetings at which less than a majority is present, by replacing "provided  
1480 that" with "provided that,".

1481 (17) Code Section 46-3-170, relating to short title regarding general provisions relative to  
1482 electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, by replacing "article  
1483 may" with "article shall be known and may".

1484 (18) Code Section 46-3-263, relating to notice of members' meetings, in subsection (a), by  
1485 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1486 (19) Code Section 46-3-322, relating to filing articles of incorporation, issuance of  
1487 certificate of incorporation, forwarding of copy of certificate to clerk of superior court,  
1488 rejection of articles of incorporation, publication of notice, and commencement of corporate  
1489 existence, in paragraph (e)(1), by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the  
1490 form, and by revising paragraph (c)(4) as follows:

1491 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the  
 1492 county where the initial registered office of the electric membership corporation is to be  
 1493 located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county  
 1494 whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a  
 1495 minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published  
 1496 four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

1497 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1498 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1499 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1500 (name and address of the newspaper designated  
 1501 by the incorporator or incorporators or  
 1502 his or their representative thereof)

1503 Dear Sirs:

1504 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1505 "\_\_\_\_\_ (name of electric membership corporation) has been duly  
 1506 incorporated on \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, and year to be inserted by the  
 1507 Secretary of State), by the issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary  
 1508 of State in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title  
 1509 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act." The initial registered office  
 1510 of the electric membership corporation is located at \_\_\_\_\_  
 1511 (address of registered office) and its initial registered agent at such address is  
 1512 \_\_\_\_\_ (name of agent)."

1513 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the  
 1514 costs of publishing this notice.

1515 Very truly yours,

1516 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1517 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1518 \_\_\_\_\_

1519 (Name and address of incorporator or  
 1520 incorporators or ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)”

1521 (20) Code Section 46-3-363, relating to obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon  
 1522 amendment of name of electric membership corporation, filing articles of amendment,  
 1523 issuance of certificate of amendment, forwarding of copy of certificate to superior court,  
 1524 rejection of articles of amendment, and publication of notice, by revising paragraph (c)(4)  
 1525 as follows:

1526 “(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the  
 1527 county where the registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or  
 1528 which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most  
 1529 recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of  
 1530 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published four times  
 1531 in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

1532 ' \_\_\_\_\_  
 1533 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1534 \_\_\_\_\_

1535 (Name and address of the newspaper  
 1536 designated by the electric  
 1537 membership corporation)

1538 Dear Sirs:

1539 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1540 “The Articles of Incorporation of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of electric  
 1541 membership corporation) have been duly amended on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

1542 (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State), by the issuance of a  
 1543 certificate of amendment by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the applicable  
 1544 provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership  
 1545 Corporation Act."

1546 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the  
 1547 cost of publishing this notice.

1548 Very truly yours,

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1552 (Name and address of the electric  
 1553 membership corporation  
 1554 or its representative)"

1555 (21) Code Section 46-3-383, relating to contents of articles of merger or articles of  
 1556 consolidation, obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon use of new name, and  
 1557 procedures involving filing, issuance, rejection, and publication of articles of merger or  
 1558 articles of consolidation, by revising paragraph (d)(4) as follows:

1559 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the  
 1560 county where the registered office of the surviving or new electric membership  
 1561 corporation is to be located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published  
 1562 within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and  
 1563 circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain  
 1564 a notice to be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the  
 1565 following form:

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(name and address of the newspaper designated  
by the merging or consolidating  
electric membership corporations)

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Dear Sirs:  
You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:  
"A (merger) (consolidation) (has been) (will be) effected by and between  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name and state of incorporation of each of the  
constituent electric membership corporations) on \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State) by the issuance of a  
certificate of (merger) (consolidation) by the Secretary of State, in accordance with  
the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric  
Membership Corporation Act." The name of the (surviving electric membership  
corporation in the merger) (new electric membership corporation resulting from the  
consolidation) (is) (will be) \_\_\_\_\_ (set forth the name and state  
of incorporation of the surviving electric membership corporation or new electric  
membership corporation, as the case may be), the registered office of which (is) (will  
be) located at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of registered office)."  
Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the  
cost of publishing this notice.

Very truly yours,

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(Name and address of merging  
or consolidating electric  
membership corporations  
or their representative)."

1596 (22) Code Section 46-3-423, relating to procedure after filing statement of intent to dissolve,  
1597 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

1598 "(a) The electric membership corporation shall immediately cause notice of its intent to  
1599 dissolve to be published in a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the  
1600 registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or which is a newspaper  
1601 of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual  
1602 statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation.  
1603 This notice shall be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the  
1604 following form:

1605 'A Statement of Intent to Dissolve \_\_\_\_\_ (name of electric  
1606 membership corporation), a Georgia electric membership corporation with registered  
1607 office at \_\_\_\_\_ (address of registered office), has been delivered to  
1608 the Secretary of State by said electric membership corporation and filed by him on  
1609 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (month, day, and year), in accordance with the applicable  
1610 provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "'Georgia Electric Membership  
1611 Corporation Act.'"

1612 (23) Code Section 46-3-468, relating to application for reinstatement of certificate of  
1613 authority, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

1614 "(c) The application for reinstatement shall be in substantially the following form:

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'Application for Reinstatement of

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Certificate of Authority

1617 To: The Secretary of State  
1618 Atlanta, Georgia

1619 Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 46-3-468, the undersigned foreign electric  
1620 cooperative hereby applies for a certificate of reinstatement of a foreign electric  
1621 cooperative and, for that purpose, submits the following:

1622 First: The name of the foreign electric cooperative at the date of the certificate of  
1623 revocation was \_\_\_\_\_.

1624 Second: The new name by which the foreign electric cooperative will hereafter be  
1625 known is \_\_\_\_\_.

1626 Third: The certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Georgia was  
1627 revoked on \_\_\_\_\_ for failure to follow the requirements stated in Code  
1628 Section 46-3-466.

1629 Fourth: The address, including street and number, of its registered office in Georgia is  
1630 \_\_\_\_\_; and the name of its registered agent in Georgia at that  
1631 address is \_\_\_\_\_.

1632 Fifth: The application is accompanied by all delinquent reports together with the filing  
1633 fees and penalties required by Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric  
1634 Membership Corporation Act."

1635 Date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

1636 \_\_\_\_\_  
1637 (President or vice-president)

1638 \_\_\_\_\_  
1639 (Secretary or assistant secretary)"

1640 (24) Code Section 46-3-480, relating to requirement of annual reports by electric  
1641 membership corporation and foreign electric cooperative, in subsection (b), by replacing  
1642 "however," with "provided, however, that".

1643 (25) Code Section 46-3A-1, relating to definitions regarding integrated resource planning,  
1644 in the introductory language, by replacing "chapter:" with "chapter, the term:" and by  
1645 deleting paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2)  
1646 through (8), respectively.

1647 (26) Code Section 46-3A-3, relating to actions prohibited without a certificate of public  
1648 convenience and necessity, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing  
1649 "however," with "however, that".

1650 (27) Code Section 46-3A-10, relating to effect on rates of changed revenues and risks and  
1651 basis and effect of commission decision, by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1652 (28) Code Section 46-4-85, relating to authority members and terms of office, by replacing  
1653 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1654 (29) Code Section 46-4-90, relating to quorum and majority vote, by replacing "provided  
1655 that" with "provided that,".

1656 (30) Code Section 46-4-152, relating to definitions regarding natural gas competition and  
1657 deregulation, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term control" with "Such term" and in  
1658 paragraph (10.1), by replacing "defined" with "described".

1659 (31) Code Section 46-4-154, relating to notice of election, unbundling, rates, application  
1660 requirements, and surcharge on interruptibles, in subsection (e), by replacing "medicare" with  
1661 "Medicare" and by replacing "writeoffs" with "write-offs".

1662 (32) Code Section 46-4-158.2, relating to rules governing marketer's terms of service, in  
1663 paragraph (8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1664 (33) Code Section 46-4-159, relating to standards of conduct for electing distribution  
1665 companies and response to complaints, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "The term control"

1666 with "Such term", in subparagraph (a)(3)(B), by replacing "the term marketer" with "such  
1667 term", and in paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "however," with "provided, however, that".

1668 (34) Code Section 46-4-160, relating to commission's authority over certificated marketers,  
1669 access to records, investigations and hearings, price summary, billing, violations, and  
1670 slamming, in subsection (j), by replacing "phrase" with "term".

1671 (35) Code Section 46-5-1, relating to exercise of power of eminent domain by telephone  
1672 companies, placement of posts and other fixtures, regulation of construction of fixtures,  
1673 posts, and wires near railroad tracks, liability of telephone companies for damages, required  
1674 information, and due compensation, in subparagraph (b)(1)(B) and paragraph (b)(7), by  
1675 replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with "commission", in the introductory  
1676 language of paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "Code section," with "Code section, the term", in  
1677 paragraph (b)(12), by replacing "As used in this Code section," with "As used in this Code  
1678 section, the term" and by replacing "however, that if" with "however, that, if", in  
1679 paragraph (b)(13), by replacing "ten percent" with "10 percent", and in  
1680 subparagraph (b)(19)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1681 (36) Code Section 46-5-2, relating to avoiding or attempting to avoid charges for use of  
1682 telecommunication service, penalties, and computation of damages, in paragraph (b)(1), by  
1683 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1684 (37) Code Section 46-5-3, relating to making, possessing, selling, allowing use of, or  
1685 publishing assembly plans for devices, equipment, or apparatus for committing theft of  
1686 telecommunications service, or for concealing origin or destination of any  
1687 telecommunication and compensatory damages, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "The term"  
1688 with "Such term" and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1689 (38) Code Section 46-5-5, relating to inclusion of local exchanges 495 and 567 in area  
1690 code 404, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1691 (39) Code Section 46-5-26, relating to access to live telephone operator, in subsection (a),  
1692 by replacing "For the purpose of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the  
1693 term" and by replacing "dials '0'." with "dials '0.'"

1694 (40) Code Section 46-5-27, relating to telephone solicitation calls and do not call database,  
1695 in subparagraph (b)(3)(B), by deleting "or" at the end and in subsection (n), by replacing  
1696 "voice over internet protocol" with "Voice over Internet Protocol".

1697 (41) Code Section 46-5-28, relating to consent required for inclusion of subscribers' names  
1698 or dialing numbers in a wireless telephone data base or a traditional telephone directory,  
1699 exceptions, disclosure of wireless numbers to telemarketers prohibited, violations, and  
1700 immunity of service suppliers for authorized disclosures, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing  
1701 "The term" with "Such term".

1702 (42) Code Section 46-5-30, relating to establishment, administration, and operation of  
1703 state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service, in  
1704 subsection (c), by replacing "basis; however," with "basis; provided, however, that".

1705 (43) Code Section 46-5-60, relating to short title regarding rural telephone cooperatives, by  
1706 replacing "part may" with "part shall be known and may".

1707 (44) Code Section 46-5-62, relating to definitions regarding rural telephone cooperatives,  
1708 in paragraph (5), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".

1709 (45) Code Section 46-5-63, relating to powers of cooperatives generally, in paragraph (4.1),  
1710 by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1711 (46) Code Section 46-5-75, relating to certificate of Secretary of State, by inserting quotation  
1712 marks at the beginning and end of the form.

1713 (47) Code Section 46-5-93, relating to pledging or encumbering of property, assets, rights,  
1714 and privileges of cooperative by board of directors to secure indebtedness to federal  
1715 government, tax exemption for mortgages and deeds of trust, and sale, pledge, or  
1716 encumbrance of property, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that" with "provided  
1717 that,".

1718 (48) Code Section 46-5-122, relating to definitions regarding emergency telephone number  
1719 9-1-1 system, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'emergency 9-1-1 system'" with "Such  
1720 term", in paragraph (7), by replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with  
1721 "commission" and by replacing "The term 'exchange access facility'" with "Such term", in  
1722 the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (12.1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet",  
1723 in paragraph (17.1), by replacing "over the Internet" with "over the internet" and by replacing  
1724 "Internet protocol" with "Internet Protocol", and in paragraph (19), by replacing "The term"  
1725 with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.

1726 (49) Code Section 46-5-134.2, relating to prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge, definitions,  
1727 imposition of fee by localities, collection and remission of charges, and distribution of funds,  
1728 in paragraph (g)(3), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

1729 (50) Code Section 46-5-162, relating to definitions regarding telecommunications and  
1730 competition development, in the introductory language of paragraph (10), by replacing "For  
1731 purposes of this article, there" with "There" and in paragraph (18), by replacing "For  
1732 purposes of illustration, the term 'telecommunications services'" with "Such term".

1733 (51) Code Section 46-5-163, relating to certificates of authority, in subsection (f), by  
1734 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1735 (52) Code Section 46-5-165, relating to alternative regulation of rates, terms, and conditions,  
1736 in subsection (a), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1737 (53) Code Section 46-5-167, relating to Universal Access Fund, in paragraph (d)(1), by  
1738 replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in subsection (g), by replacing "Public  
1739 Service Commission" with "commission".

1740 (54) Code Section 46-5-181, relating to definitions regarding the "Telecommunications  
1741 Marketing Act of 1998," by revising said Code section as follows:

1742 "46-5-181.

1743 As used in this article, the terms ~~'local exchange company,' 'telecommunications company,'~~  
1744 ~~and 'telecommunications services'~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code

1745 ~~Section 46-5-162; the term 'local exchange carrier' shall have the same meaning as 'local~~  
1746 ~~exchange company'; and the term 'long distance service' shall include interexchange~~  
1747 ~~inter-LATA telecommunications service and interexchange intra-LATA~~  
1748 ~~telecommunications service~~ term:

1749 (1) 'Local exchange carrier' shall have the same meaning as the term 'local exchange  
1750 company.'

1751 (2) 'Local exchange company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
1752 Section 46-5-162.

1753 (3) 'Long distance service' includes interexchange inter-LATA telecommunications  
1754 service and interexchange intra-LATA telecommunications service.

1755 (4) 'Telecommunications company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
1756 Section 46-5-162.

1757 (5) 'Telecommunications services' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code  
1758 Section 46-5-162."

1759 (55) Code Section 46-5-221, relating to definitions regarding competitive emerging  
1760 communications technologies, in subparagraph (1)(A), by replacing "Internet;" with  
1761 "internet;", in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (1), by replacing "For the  
1762 purposes of this article, broadband service" with "Such term", and in paragraph (2), by  
1763 replacing "Internet protocol" with "internet protocol".

1764 (56) Code Section 46-8-20, relating to exclusive power of commission to determine just and  
1765 reasonable rates and charges, establishing rates and tariffs generally, and locating of depots  
1766 and construction of freight and passenger buildings, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing  
1767 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1768 (57) Code Section 46-8-42, relating to certificate of incorporation, duration of corporate  
1769 existence, and fee for issuance of certificate, in subsection (a), by inserting quotation marks  
1770 at the beginning and end of the form.

1771 (58) Code Section 46-8-100, relating to general powers regarding powers of railroad  
1772 companies generally, in paragraph (3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".  
1773 (59) Code Section 46-8-291, relating to consent and contributory negligence as defenses and  
1774 comparative negligence as affecting amount of recovery, by replacing "provided that" with  
1775 "provided that,".  
1776 (60) Code Section 46-8-312, relating to service of process on lessor railroad company,  
1777 generally, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".  
1778 (61) Code Section 46-8-339, relating to authority of street, suburban, and interurban railroad  
1779 companies to furnish steam for heating and power purposes and to lay and maintain  
1780 steampipes, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".  
1781 (62) Code Section 46-9-42, relating to effect of strike by carrier's employees on carrier's  
1782 duty to transport goods, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".  
1783 (63) Code Section 46-9-48, relating to adjustment and payment by common carriers of  
1784 claims for loss of property or overcharge for freight and effect of failure by common carrier  
1785 to adjust and pay claim, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".  
1786 (64) Code Section 46-9-50, relating to weighing of railroad cars by certified public weighers  
1787 and manner of weighing cars, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that when" with  
1788 "provided that, when".  
1789 (65) Code Section 46-9-138, relating to granting of annual passes by common carriers to  
1790 sheriffs and their deputies, by replacing "provided that the term 'sheriffs and their lawful  
1791 deputies,' as used in this Code section, means" with "provided that, as used in this Code  
1792 section, the term 'sheriffs and their lawful deputies' means".  
1793 (66) Code Section 46-9-212, relating to switching off and delivering to connecting roads all  
1794 cars consigned to points over or beyond the connecting roads, in subsection (b), by replacing  
1795 "provided that" with "provided that,".  
1796 (67) Code Section 46-9-230, relating to manner of incorporation of express companies, by  
1797 inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the certificate form.

1798 (68) Code Section 46-9-290, relating to Designated Georgia Rail Passenger Corridors, in  
1799 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "For the purposes of this subsection, 'high speed rail' is  
1800 defined as involving" with "As used in this subsection, the term 'high speed rail' means".

1801 (69) Chapters 10 and 11, which are reserved, by designating said chapters as repealed.

1802 (70) The following Code sections, by replacing "Public Service Commission" and "Georgia  
1803 Public Service Commission" with "commission" each time the term appears:

1804 (A) Code Section 46-1-2, relating to measure of damages for wrongs and injuries by  
1805 railroad companies generally and venue for actions against railroad companies and electric  
1806 companies generally;

1807 (B) Code Section 46-2-10, relating to payment of special fee by corporations and utilities  
1808 subject to jurisdiction of commission, notice of amount due, and procedure on default;

1809 (C) Code Section 46-2-25.2, relating to sixteen-mile toll-free telephone calling,  
1810 modification of rate schedules, recovery of expenses or lost revenues by telephone  
1811 companies, and rate-making power of Public Service Commission not affected;

1812 (D) Code Section 46-2-25.3, relating to toll-free calls within 22 miles of exchange,  
1813 hearings, and "net gain" defined;

1814 (E) Code Section 46-3-152, relating to jurisdiction of commission over rates, services, and  
1815 practices of authority;

1816 (F) Code Section 46-4-53, relating to application to commission by gas utility for order  
1817 approving utilization or operation of underground reservoir, hearing on application  
1818 generally, and giving notice of hearing;

1819 (G) Code Section 46-4-54, relating to investigation by state geologist of site of proposed  
1820 storage project, procedures involving state geologist, investigation of proposed storage  
1821 project by director of Environmental Protection Division, procedures involving director,  
1822 and investigation of proposed storage project by commission;

1823 (H) Code Section 46-4-60, relating to adoption by Board of Natural Resources of rules and  
1824 regulations governing construction, installation, utilization, and operation of underground

1825 reservoirs and stations, wells, fixtures, and other facilities, enforcement of rules and  
1826 regulations, and inspection and examination;

1827 (I) Code Section 46-4-122, relating to exemption from regulation by Public Service  
1828 Commission;

1829 (J) Code Section 46-4A-12, relating to construction of chapter regarding provision of  
1830 energy conservation assistance to residential customers by electric and gas utilities;

1831 (K) Code Section 46-5-6, relating to exclusive power and authority of the Public Service  
1832 Commission to prescribe rules and regulations regarding public pay telephones;

1833 (L) Code Section 46-5-41, relating to obtaining of certificate of public convenience and  
1834 necessity for construction, operation, acquisition, or extension of telephone lines, plants,  
1835 or systems;

1836 (M) Code Section 46-5-124, relating to guidelines for implementing a state-wide  
1837 emergency 9-1-1 system and training and equipment standards;

1838 (N) Code Section 46-5-126, relating to cooperation by commission and telephone industry;

1839 (O) Code Section 46-5-137, relating to powers of Public Service Commission not affected;

1840 (P) Code Section 46-5-182, relating to certification of telecommunications companies  
1841 which bill for or solicit intrastate telecommunications services;

1842 (Q) Code Section 46-5-211, relating to consent of end user required for release of  
1843 telephone records and law enforcement exception;

1844 (R) Code Section 46-5-213, relating to circumstances to which this article not applicable  
1845 regarding disclosure of certain customer information;

1846 (S) Code Section 46-5-222, relating to commission has no authority over setting of rates  
1847 or terms and conditions for the offering of broadband service, voice over Internet protocol,  
1848 or wireless service and limitations;

1849 (T) Code Section 46-8-73, relating to contents of petition for dissolution, certification  
1850 resolution recommending dissolution, attachment of resolution to petition, verification of  
1851 petition, and fee for filing petition;

1852 (U) Code Section 46-8-75, relating to transfer of copy of petition from Secretary of State  
1853 to commission;

1854 (V) Code Section 46-8-78, relating to order of Secretary of State accepting surrender of  
1855 charter and franchises and dissolving corporation and recording of petition, certificate of  
1856 approval, certificate of publication, and order by Secretary of State;

1857 (W) Code Section 46-8-196, relating to use of standard signs for highway crossings and  
1858 for advertising or other purposes, mutilation, destruction, and defacement of standard signs,  
1859 and removal of unauthorized signs by county authorities; and

1860 (X) Code Section 46-8A-2, relating to line or system permit required regarding rapid rail  
1861 passenger service.

1862 **SECTION 47.**

1863 Reserved.

1864 **SECTION 48.**

1865 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is  
1866 amended in:

1867 (1) Code Section 48-5-7.6, relating to preferential assessment for brownfield property, in  
1868 division (h)(1)(B)(iii), by redesignating the second subdivision (II) as subdivision (III).

1869 (2) Code Section 48-5-28, relating to priority of taxes over other claims and superiority of  
1870 security deed, in subsection (a), by replacing "Code Section 53-7-91," with "Code  
1871 Section 53-7-40,".

1872 (3) Code Section 48-5-164, relating to duties of successor tax collector or tax commissioner  
1873 as to performing uncompleted duties of outgoing collector or commissioner, distribution of  
1874 commissions, and liability, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

1875 "(b)(~~1~~) Each tax collector or tax commissioner to whom a list is furnished as provided in  
1876 subsection (a) of this Code section shall pay to the outgoing tax collector or tax

1877 commissioner, as the taxes are collected, one-half of the commissions and retain for his or  
1878 her services one-half, the commissions to be calculated as if the amounts had been  
1879 collected by the outgoing tax collector or tax commissioner.

1880 ~~(2) Reserved.~~"

1881 (4) Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, at the end of  
1882 subparagraph (a)(3)(A), by replacing the period with a semicolon, in paragraph (a)(3), by  
1883 deleting the subparagraph (A) designation and by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
1884 paragraph (a)(3.1), and in division (a)(5)(D)(i), by deleting "or" at the end.

1885 (5) Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital  
1886 organizations, in subparagraph (e)(2)(E), by replacing "section including" with "section,  
1887 including", in subparagraph (e)(4)(B), by replacing "their approval" with "such approval",  
1888 and in the introductory language of subsection (i), by inserting "public" preceding "website:".

1889 (6) Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase or  
1890 lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, in the table in subsection (b),  
1891 under Tier 2, Credit amount per vehicle, by replacing "2000.00" with "2,000.00".

1892 (7) Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital  
1893 production, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (c)(2)(B), by replacing  
1894 "paragraph" with "subparagraph" and in subparagraph (l)(5)(C), by inserting "public"  
1895 preceding "website".

1896 (8) Code Section 48-7-40.30, relating to tax credits for certain qualified investments for  
1897 limited period of time, in paragraph (f)(5), by replacing "transferrable" with "transferable".

1898 (9) Code Section 48-8-2, relating to definitions regarding state sales and use tax, in the  
1899 introductory language of paragraph (39), by replacing "voice over internet protocol" with  
1900 "Voice over Internet Protocol".

1901 (10) Code Section 48-8-15, relating to ratification of Executive Order on temporary and  
1902 partial exemption for liquid propane gas commodity sold and delivered for residential  
1903 heating, in subsection (e), by replacing "Chapter 10" with "Chapter 1".

1904 (11) Code Section 48-13-133, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations regarding  
1905 taxation of consumer fireworks, by replacing "this Code section" with "this article".

1906

**SECTION 49.**

1907 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended  
1908 in:

1909 (1) Code Section 49-3-6, relating to functions of county department of family and children  
1910 services, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Council of Accountability Courts" with "Council  
1911 of Accountability Court Judges" and in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Human  
1912 Services," with "board,".

1913 (2) Code Section 49-4-159.2, relating to remote maternal health clinical services, reporting,  
1914 and termination, in subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "transmitting" with "transmit" and  
1915 in subsection (c), by replacing "repealed" with "repealed and reserved".

1916 (3) Code Section 49-5-8, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Human  
1917 Services, in subparagraph (a)(11)(A), by replacing "with, a photograph of himself or herself,  
1918 provided however, that if" with "with a photograph of himself or herself; provided, however,  
1919 that, if" and in subparagraph (a)(11)(B), by replacing "a personal identification card" with  
1920 "an identification card" each time the phrase appears.

1921

**SECTION 50.**

1922 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
1923 in:

1924 (1) Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to regional commissions, by deleting the Part 1  
1925 designation.

1926 (2) Code Section 50-18-160, relating to individuals or nonprofit organizations, in  
1927 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Code, has" with "Code or has" and in paragraph (b)(2), by  
1928 replacing "in possession" with "in the possession".

1929 (3) Code Section 50-36-4, relating to submission of annual immigration compliance report,  
1930 creation of reporting system, contents of reports, and annual review, in paragraph (d)(7), by  
1931 replacing "42-4-11.4, 42-4-11.5," with "42-1-11.4, 42-1-11.5,".

1932 **SECTION 51.**

1933 Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in:

1934 (1) Code Section 51-1-22.1, relating to liability of an operator of a vessel under certain  
1935 conditions, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "\$1,000,000.00" with "\$1 million".

1936 **SECTION 52.**

1937 Reserved.

1938 **SECTION 53.**

1939 Reserved.

1940 **SECTION 54.**

1941 (a) In accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 28-9-5, the following portions  
1942 included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state by  
1943 LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised volumes thereof, are hereby  
1944 reenacted, and such reenactment shall have the effect of adopting and giving force and effect  
1945 of law to the following portions as contained in such supplements and volumes:

1946 (1) Statutory text; and

1947 (2) Arrangement and numbering system, including, but not limited to, title, chapter, article,  
1948 part, subpart, Code section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, division, and subdivision  
1949 numbers and designations.

1950 (b) The following portions included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published  
1951 under authority of the state by LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised

1952 volumes thereof, are specifically not enacted or reenacted, have no binding authority, bear  
1953 no weight or effect, and shall not be construed to have the imprimatur of the General  
1954 Assembly or the State of Georgia:

- 1955 (1) Case annotations;
- 1956 (2) Research references, including, but not limited to:
  - 1957 (A) Law reviews;
  - 1958 (B) Collateral references to secondary sources;
  - 1959 (C) Opinions of the Georgia Attorney General;
  - 1960 (D) Advisory opinions of the State Bar; and
  - 1961 (E) Cross-references;
- 1962 (3) Captions;
- 1963 (4) Catchlines;
- 1964 (5) Headings;
- 1965 (6) Title and chapter analyses;
- 1966 (7) History lines;
- 1967 (8) Repeal lines;
- 1968 (9) Editorial notes;
- 1969 (10) Amendment notes;
- 1970 (11) Code Commission notes;
- 1971 (12) Effective date notes;
- 1972 (13) Tables;
- 1973 (14) User's Guide;
- 1974 (15) General Index;
- 1975 (16) Volume indices;
- 1976 (17) Indices related to local and special laws;
- 1977 (18) Conversion tables;
- 1978 (19) The United States Constitution;

1979 (20) The Georgia Constitution;

1980 (21) Rules and regulations of state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or other  
1981 entities;

1982 (22) Material in brackets or parentheses and editorial, delayed effective date, effect of  
1983 amendment, or other similar notes within the text of a Code section which have been added  
1984 by the publisher in order to explain or to prevent a misapprehension concerning the  
1985 contents of the Code section; and

1986 (23) Any other matter published in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which is not  
1987 included in subsection (a) of this section.

1988 (c) The reenactment of the portions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by  
1989 subsection (a) of this section shall not affect, supersede, or repeal any Act of the General  
1990 Assembly, or portion thereof, which is not contained in the Official Code of Georgia  
1991 Annotated and which was not repealed by Code Section 1-1-10, specifically including those  
1992 Acts which have not yet been included in the text of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated  
1993 because of effective dates which extend beyond the effective date of the Code or the  
1994 publication date of the Code or its supplements. This subsection shall not apply to any Act  
1995 or portion thereof which was superseded due to conflict as provided by subsection (b) of  
1996 Code Section 28-9-5.

1997 (d) The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and in the other Acts  
1998 enacted at the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia shall supersede the  
1999 provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ratified and reenacted by subsection (a)  
2000 of this section.

2001 (e) In the event of a conflict between a provision in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and  
2002 a provision of another Act enacted at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly, the  
2003 provision of such other Act shall control over the conflicting provision in Sections 1  
2004 through 53 of this Act to the extent of such conflict.

2005

**SECTION 55.**

2006 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.