

House Bill 1247

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions, so as to prohibit courts and administrative officers from deferring to  
3 agency interpretations of laws and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Bureaucratic Deference  
8 Elimination Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
11 provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "15-1-24.

13 When interpreting this state's Constitution, statutes, regulations, or other subregulatory  
14 documents, a court, or an officer hearing an administrative action, shall not defer to a state

15 agency's determination or interpretation of such authorities, whether such determination  
16 or interpretation is written or unwritten."

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.