

The House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 1206:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act, so as to require any person engaged
3 in any business which requires a consumer or client to sign or certify a form or statement via
4 an electronic signature pad or similar mechanism to provide or offer to provide a copy of the
5 executed form to the consumer or client; to provide that such executed form may be provided
6 in printed form or electronic form; to provide for a civil fine; to provide for related matters;
7 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," is amended by adding a new Code
12 section to read as follows:

13 "10-1-393.20.

14 (a) Any person that is engaged in any business which requires a consumer or client to sign
15 or certify a form or statement via an electronic signature pad or similar mechanism shall

16 provide or offer to provide a copy of the executed form to the consumer or client. Such
17 executed form may be provided in printed form or electronic form.
18 (b) Any person who violates this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500.00
19 per violation but shall not be subject to other penalties as provided in this part."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.