

House Bill 914

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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 provide for requirements for  
3 solicitations of services to obtain a copy of an instrument conveying real estate; to provide  
4 for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "10-1-393.15.

12 (a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'instrument conveying real estate' means  
13 any document required under law to be recorded with the superior court in the county in  
14 which the land is located, including, but not limited to, a deed to secure debt, a mortgage,  
15 a deed under power, and a lien.

16 (b) Any solicitation mailed for services to obtain a copy of an instrument conveying real  
17 estate shall include in at least 16 point Helvetica font at the top of and at least two inches  
18 apart from any other text on such solicitation the words:

19 'THIS IS NOT A BILL. THIS IS A SOLICITATION.'

20 No text on the solicitation shall be larger than the above required words.

21 (c) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Code section shall be considered an unfair  
22 or deceptive act or practice which is unlawful and which shall be punishable by the  
23 provisions of this part."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.