

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 58:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 23-3-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 investigations by Attorney General, civil actions authorized, intervention by government,  
3 limitation on participating in litigation, stay of discovery, alternative remedies, division of  
4 recovery, and limitations, so as to eliminate the requirement that the Attorney General  
5 provide written approval that allows for a private person to bring a civil action regarding  
6 false taxpayer claims; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 23-3-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigations  
10 by Attorney General, civil actions authorized, intervention by government, limitation on  
11 participating in litigation, stay of discovery, alternative remedies, division of recovery, and  
12 limitations, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

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14 "(b)(1) Subject to the exclusions set forth in this Code section, a civil action under this  
15 article may also be brought by a private person ~~upon written approval by the Attorney~~  
16 ~~General~~. A civil action shall be brought in the name of the State of Georgia or local  
17 government, as applicable. The civil action may be dismissed only if the Attorney  
18 General gives written consent to the dismissal stating the reasons for consenting to such  
19 dismissal and the court enters an order approving the dismissal."

**SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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