



The General Assembly

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

July 25, 2013

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Mr. Malamud:

On behalf of the Georgia Code Revision Commission, we are writing to notify you that your unlawful copying of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated infringes upon the exclusive copyright of the State of Georgia. Accordingly, you are hereby directed to

CEASE AND DESIST ALL COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

The State of Georgia, acting through the Georgia Code Revision Commission, is the owner of a copyright in various aspects of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Under United States copyright law, the State of Georgia's copyright has been in effect since the original date of creation of such official Code in 1983. All copyrightable aspects of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are copyrighted under United States copyright law. The state asserts no copyright in the statutory text itself or in the numbering of the Code sections.

We received your letter dated May 30, 2013, to Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Georgia, and Mr. Wayne Allen, Legislative Counsel for the Georgia General Assembly, containing notice that you have scanned the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as evidenced by the USB Thumb Drive which was enclosed with the letter. It has also come to our attention that such files can be freely accessed from the internet (<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ga/georgia.scan.2012/>) with no restrictions to its access.

Therefore, we demand that you immediately: (a) cease and desist your unlawful copying of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; (b) remove any and all files containing the Official Code of Georgia Annotated from the internet; (c) destroy any and all files containing the Official Code of Georgia Annotated from the internet; and (d) provide us with prompt written assurance within 10 days of receiving this letter that all such steps have been taken and that you will cease and desist from any further infringement of the copyrighted Official Code of Georgia Annotated.


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If you do not comply with this cease and desist demand within this time period, the State of Georgia, through the Georgia Code Revision Commission, is entitled to use your failure to comply as evidence of willful infringement and seek monetary damages and equitable relief for your copyright infringement.

For your information, the unannotated Georgia Code, including Code section designations and headings, is available to the public at no charge at www.legis.ga.gov.

If you are represented by legal counsel, please direct this letter to your attorney immediately and have your attorney notify us of such representation.

Sincerely,



Chairman Josh McKoon
Georgia Code Revision Commission

cc: Code Commission members