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TITLE 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE

SB 415 (Act No. 1251); *Fuel Sales: Unlawful Practices: Punitive Damages*

The Act amends O.C.G.A. § 10-1-255 relating to civil actions for unlawful practices in the marketing of octane or cetane fuels under the “Below Cost Sales Act” to provide for punitive damages up to specified maximum amounts. Under prior law, O.C.G.A. § 10-1-255(b), a person who sustained a competitive injury from such unlawful trade practices was limited to recovery of actual or special damages including reasonable attorney fees and the cost of litigation.

HB 1282 (Act No. 1540); *Office Supply Transactions: Deceptive Practices*

The Act includes office supply transactions within the protections provided by the Fair Business Practices Act of 1975, and forbids false representations and substitutions by office suppliers. It amends O.C.G.A. §§ 10-1-392, 10-1-397, 10-1-399 and creates O.C.G.A. § 10-1-393.1.

TITLE 12: CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1835 (Act No. 1265); Effective March 26, 1986; *Lake Lanier Island Development Authority: Jurisdiction for Suit*

The Act amends O.C.G.A. § 12-3-341 by changing the venue for actions involving the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority and granting exclusive jurisdiction to the Superior Court of Hall County. Prior law provided that such actions be brought in Fulton County.