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NOTICE

TITLE 2: AGRICULTURE

HB 1217 (Act No. 777); Effective January 31, 1986; *Vidalia Onion: Sales Regulation*

The Act creates a new article, O.C.G.A. §§ 2-14-130—2-14-135, which defines the terms "Vidalia onion production area" and "Vidalia variety". The Act provides for criminal and civil penalties for the selling, packaging, or labeling of any onion which fails to conform to these requisite definitions. However, the Act contains a grandfather provision which enables the Commissioner to grant variances to previous Georgia producers who do not meet the new definitions.

TITLE 3: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SB 376 (Act No. 1435); *Alcoholic Beverages: Consumption During Pregnancy: Posted Warning*

The Act creates O.C.G.A. § 3-1-5 which requires any establishment that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises to post a conspicuous sign that states: "Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects." The Department of Revenue is responsible for providing the signs as well as establishing rules regarding their posting. Failure to post a sign required by this Code section is a misdemeanor.

TITLE 7: BANKING AND FINANCE

HB 1120 (Act No. 950); *Money Judgment Interest Rate*

The Act amends O.C.G.A. § 7-4-12 by providing that a judgment obtained in civil court on a written contract or other obligation which specifies the interest rate on the obligation shall bear interest at the specified rate. When the interest rate is not specified, the statutory interest rate of twelve percent per year will apply.

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