

Senate Bill 357

By: Senators Gillis of the 20th, Bowen of the 13th, Starr of the 44th, Hooks of the 14th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Dean of the 31st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-180.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the allocation of water and waste-water usage among tenants and charging tenants for usage,
3 so as to provide that the owner of a building who allocates water to tenants may be
4 considered the owner of a public water system; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 12-5-180.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 allocation of water and waste-water usage among tenants and charging tenants for usage, is
10 amended by striking in its entirety subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) The owner or operator of a building containing residential units may install equipment
12 or use an economic allocation methodology to determine the quantity of water that is
13 provided to the tenants and used in the common areas of such a building; and the owner of
14 such a building may charge tenants separately for water and waste-water service based on
15 usage as determined through the use of such equipment or allocation methodology. ~~The~~
16 ~~activities described in this Code section shall not cause any owner or operator engaging in~~
17 ~~such activities to be considered the owner or operator of a public water system or a public~~
18 ~~utility, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary."~~

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.