

House Bill 1004 (FLOOR SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

By: Representatives Pinholster of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, so as to provide
3 for additional requirements regarding the initiation of complaints and investigation of alleged
4 violations; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, is amended by
9 adding a new subsection at the end thereof, to be designated subsection (f), to read as
10 follows:

11 "(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, upon receipt of a
12 complaint of an alleged violation by a homeowner or the owner or operator of an
13 individually owned agricultural operation, which complaint relates to the ownership,
14 maintenance, or operation of such home or agricultural operation and the application
15 thereto of any law or regulation to be enforced by the division, the division shall request
16 that the complainant furnish complainant's name, telephone number, and address. In the
17 event that such complaint shall prove to be without any reasonable basis, the name,
18 telephone number, and address of the complainant shall be provided to the alleged violator,
19 and complainants shall be notified that such information was provided to the alleged
20 violator."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.