

House Bill 1240

By: Representatives Mueller of the 152nd, Day of the 153rd, Stephens of the 150th, Everett of the 163rd, Barnard of the 154th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to ground-water use generally, so as to provide that it shall be unlawful
3 for any person to inject any substance into an aquifer; to provide a penalty; to provide an
4 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 Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to ground-water use generally, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
9 following:

10 "12-5-108.

11 It shall be unlawful for any person to inject any substance into an aquifer in this state;
12 provided, however, that this Code section shall not preclude the drilling of wells into an
13 aquifer for the purpose of withdrawing water in accordance with other provisions of this
14 chapter. Any person convicted of violating this Code section shall be incarcerated for not
15 less than five nor more than ten years or pay a fine not to exceed \$1 million or both."

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

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

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.