

House Bill 442

By: Representatives Ray of the 128th, Hudson of the 156th, James of the 140th and Sholar of the 179th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 31 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 pecan dealers and processors, so as to change the provisions relating to recording purchases
3 of pecans by dealers and opening records thereof to public authorities; to provide for
4 presentation of identification and issuance and recording of seller identification numbers; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 31 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pecan dealers
9 and processors, is amended by striking Code Section 43-31-3, relating to recording sales by
10 dealers and opening records to public authorities, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "43-31-3.

12 Any dealer in pecans who buys any pecans for resale, or for the purpose of processing
13 same, in an amount exceeding the market value of \$5.00 at one time shall, at the time of
14 purchase, make a record of the name and address of the seller, the date of the purchase, the
15 amount of the nuts purchased, kinds purchased, and where purchased. The first time a
16 dealer purchases pecans from any seller on or after July 1, 2001, the dealer shall require the
17 seller to present identification issued by a governmental agency of a state or the United
18 States and containing a photograph of the seller. The dealer shall record the information
19 contained on such identification and shall issue a unique seller identification number to
20 such seller. The dealer shall record the seller's identification number on the dealer's record
21 of each purchase required to be maintained pursuant to this Code section. These records
22 shall be kept available to public authorities for at least 12 months after the date of the
23 purchase."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed