

House Bill 789

By: Representative Morris of the 155th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 14 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 known as the "Vidalia Onion Act of 1986," so as to change the definition of a Vidalia onion;
3 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Article 6 of Chapter 14 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, known as the
7 "Vidalia Onion Act of 1986," is amended by striking Code Section 2-14-131, relating to
8 definitions, and inserting in its place the following:

9 "2-14-131.

10 As used in this article, the term:

11 (1) 'Person' means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other legal
12 entity.

13 (1.1) 'Vidalia onion' means all onions of the Vidalia onion variety grown in the Vidalia
14 onion production area.

15 (1.2) 'Vidalia Onion Committee' means the committee established pursuant to 7 CFR part
16 955.20 (revised as of January 1, 1994).

17 (2) 'Vidalia onion production area' means a production area which encompasses only the
18 State of Georgia or such lesser area as may be provided for pursuant to subsection (a) of
19 Code Section 2-14-133.

20 (3) 'Vidalia onion variety' means varieties of *Allium Cepa* of the hybrid yellow granex,
21 granex parentage, or other similar varieties. The Commissioner may limit the usage of
22 certain varieties or authorize the inclusion of new varieties based upon recommendations
23 of the director of the Experiment Stations of the College of Agricultural and
24 Environmental Sciences of the University of Georgia."

1 **SECTION 2.**

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

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.