

House Bill 150

By: Representative Rogers of the 20th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Georgia Water Quality Control Act," so as to define a certain term; to provide that the Board
3 of Natural Resources shall provide by rule or regulation for the permitting of the construction
4 of parking lots; to provide a minimum requirement; to provide for a permitting fee; to
5 provide for a civil penalty; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia
9 Water Quality Control Act," is amended by inserting immediately following Code Section
10 12-5-30.3 a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "12-5-30.4.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'parking lot' means any space intended for the
13 parking of motor vehicles for persons employed by or using any commercial or public
14 facility, which space contains space for five or more vehicles.

15 (b) The board is authorized and directed to implement rules and regulations establishing
16 the permitting of the construction of parking lots. Such rules and regulations shall require,
17 at a minimum, that any such parking lot be designed so that all storm water runoff passes
18 through a device capable of separating petroleum products from the water and provides for
19 the proper disposal of such petroleum products. The board shall establish the maximum
20 permissible discharge so as not to leave a sheen on the water. Such rules and regulations
21 shall be completed and shall become effective not later than December 31, 2001. The
22 department is authorized to charge a permitting fee not to exceed \$300.00 for each permit
23 requested.

24 (c) On and after January 1, 2002, no person shall construct a parking lot unless the
25 department has issued a permit for such construction as provided in this Code section and
26 the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Code section. Any person

1 constructing a parking lot in violation of this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty
2 of \$10,000.00 plus an additional \$100.00 per day until the department is satisfied that the
3 parking lot complies with all rules and regulations and issues a permit for the parking lot."

4 **SECTION 2.**

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