

House Bill 108

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to change certain provisions related to failing to  
3 pay for natural products or chattels; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud  
7 and related offenses, is amended by striking Code Section 16-9-58, relating to failing to pay  
8 for natural products or chattels, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "16-9-58.

10 Any person, either on his or her own account or for others, who shall buy cotton, corn, rice,  
11 crude turpentine, spirits of turpentine, rosin, pitch, tar, timber, pulpwood, Christmas trees,  
12 horticultural crops, poultry and poultry products, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, ratites, horses,  
13 mules, pecans, peaches, apples, watermelons, cantaloupes, or other products or chattels and  
14 shall fail or refuse to pay therefor or shall make way with or dispose of the same before he  
15 or she shall have paid therefor unless credit shall be expressly extended therefor shall be  
16 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one  
17 year nor more than five years."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.