

House Bill 444

By: Representative Channell of the 77th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 boating safety zones, restrictions on use of motors and operation of houseboats on certain
3 lakes, and exceptions, so as to prohibit operation of certain vessels on Lake Oconee; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to boating safety
8 zones, restrictions on use of motors and operation of houseboats on certain lakes, and
9 exceptions, is amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
10 "(g) The operation of any of the following vessels on Lake Oconee shall be prohibited:
11 (1) Any vessel greater than 30 feet in length, except for law enforcement, scientific
12 research, or dam operation and maintenance craft; or
13 (2) Any vessel equipped with any type of bypass mechanism that reduces or eliminates
14 the effectiveness of the muffler or baffler system required by Code Section 52-7-10.
15 (h) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to vessels engaged in any activity
16 authorized under Code Section 52-7-19."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.