

House Bill 1277

By: Representatives Drenner of the 57th, Manning of the 32nd, McCall of the 78th, Buckner of the 109th, Smith of the 87th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to water resources, so as to prohibit the installation of
3 certain irrigation systems without rain sensor shut-off switches; to provide for punishment
4 for violations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to water resources, is amended by inserting a new Code section
9 to read as follows:

10 "12-5-6.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'rain sensor shut-off switch' means an electric
12 device that detects and measures rainfall amounts and overrides the cycle of an irrigation
13 system so as to turn off such system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen.

14 (b) On and after January 1, 2005, no person shall install within the district area created
15 under Article 10 of this chapter any irrigation system that does not have a rain sensor
16 shut-off switch.

17 (c) Any person who installs any irrigation system in violation of this Code section shall
18 be guilty of a misdemeanor."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.