

The House Committee on Ways and Means offers the following substitute to HB 1249:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and mobile homes, so as to provide that
3 watercraft held in inventory for resale shall be exempt from taxation for a limited period of
4 time; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and mobile homes, is amended by adding at the end
10 thereof a new Part 7 to read as follows:

11 *"Part 7*

12 48-5-504.40.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Dealer' means any person who is engaged in the business of selling watercraft at
15 retail.

16 (2) 'Watercraft' means any vehicle which is self-propelled or which is capable of
17 self-propelled water transportation, or both.

18 (b) Watercraft which is owned by a dealer and held in inventory for sale or resale shall
19 constitute a separate classification of tangible property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

20 The procedures prescribed in this chapter for returning watercraft for ad valorem taxation,
21 determining the application rates for taxation, and collecting the ad valorem taxes imposed
22 on watercraft do not apply to watercraft which is owned by a dealer and held in inventory
23 for sale or resale. For the period commencing January 1, 2007, and concluding December
24 31, 2008, such watercraft which is owned by a dealer and held in inventory for sale or

1 resale shall not be returned for ad valorem taxation, shall not be taxed, and no taxes shall
2 be collected on such watercraft until it is transferred and then otherwise, if at all, becomes
3 subject to taxation as provided in this chapter."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2007.

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.