

House Bill 1018 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to provide for an exemption regarding the sale or  
3 use of biomass material utilized in the production of electrical power or the coproduction or  
4 cogeneration of electrical and steam power which is subsequently sold; to provide an  
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from  
9 sales and use tax, is amended by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (81); by striking the  
10 period at the end of paragraph (82) and inserting in it place "; or"; and by adding a new  
11 paragraph immediately following paragraph (82), to be designated paragraph (83), to read  
12 as follows:

13 "(83)(A) The sale or use of biomass material, including pellets or other fuels derived  
14 from compressed, chipped, or shredded biomass material, utilized in the production of  
15 energy, including without limitation the production of electricity, steam, or the  
16 production of electricity and steam, which is subsequently sold.

17 (B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'biomass material' means organic matter,  
18 excluding fossil fuels, including agricultural crops, plants, trees, wood, wood wastes  
19 and residues, sawmill waste, sawdust, wood chips, bark chips, and forest thinning,  
20 harvesting, or clearing residues; wood waste from pallets or other wood demolition  
21 debris; peanut shells; pecan shells; cotton plants; corn stalks; and plant matter,  
22 including aquatic plants, grasses, stalks, vegetation, and residues, including hulls,  
23 shells, or cellulose containing fibers."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.