

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to SB 463:

**ADOPTED**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county  
2 boards of health, so as to provide certain conditions for use of residential gray water; to  
3 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

5 Chapter 3 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards  
6 of health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

7 "31-3-5.2.

8 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'gray water' means waste water discharged from  
9 residential lavatories, bathtubs, showers, clothes washers, and laundry trays.

10 (b) Private residential direct reuse of gray water shall be lawful if the following conditions  
11 are met:

12 (1) Gray water originating from the residence shall be used and contained within the  
13 property boundary for household gardening, composting, lawn watering, or landscape  
14 irrigation;

15 (2) Gray water shall not be used for irrigation of food plants;

16 (3) The gray water shall not contain hazardous chemicals derived from activities such  
17 as cleaning car parts, washing greasy or oily rags, or disposing of waste solutions from  
18 home photo labs or similar hobbyist or home occupational activities;

19 (4) The application of gray water shall be managed to minimize standing water on the  
20 surface;

21 (5) The application of gray water shall be outside of a floodway;

22 (6) The gray water shall not contain water used to wash diapers or similarly soiled or  
23 infectious garments unless the gray water is disinfected before irrigation; and

24 (7) The gray water shall be applied only by hand watering using garden watering cans  
25 or similar hand-held containers.  
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1 (c) Any violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be a misdemeanor.

2 (d) County boards of health shall adopt the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code  
3 section by regulation."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.