

Senate Bill 359

By: Senators Golden of the 8th, Pearson of the 51st, Stoner of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd,  
Thomas of the 54th and others

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Department of Economic Development, so as to provide legislative findings; to create a  
3 "Made in Georgia" program; to provide for rules and regulations; to repeal conflicting laws;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
8 of Economic Development, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

9 style="text-align:center">"ARTICLE 6

10 50-7-70.

11 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

12 (1) The State of Georgia substantially benefits from the consumption of goods and  
13 products manufactured in Georgia; and

14 (2) The State of Georgia could further substantially benefit from creating public  
15 awareness of the importance of choosing Georgia's goods and products whenever  
16 possible.

17 (b) The Department of Economic Development shall create and implement a 'Made in  
18 Georgia' program promoting goods and products manufactured in Georgia. This program  
19 shall:

20 (1) Showcase and promote goods and products manufactured in Georgia;

21 (2) Inform Georgians of the diverse manufacturing sector within this state; and

22 (3) Provide educational outreach efforts to bring the science of manufacturing into the  
23 classroom and emphasize the significant contributions Georgia companies make to the  
24 economy and quality of life in Georgia.

- 1 (c) The Department of Economic Development may adopt any rules and regulations that  
2 it finds necessary to properly implement this Code section."

3 **SECTION 2.**

- 4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.