

SENATE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 1059:

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
 2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to change
 3 certain provisions relating to permits for solid waste or special solid waste handling, disposal,
 4 or thermal treatment technology facilities and inspection of solid waste generators; to repeal
 5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 9 relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, is amended in Code
 10 Section 12-8-24, relating to permits for solid waste or special solid waste handling, disposal,
 11 or thermal treatment technology facilities and inspection of solid waste generators, by
 12 revising paragraph (1) of subsection (e) as follows:

13 "(e)(1)(A) Reserved.

14 (B) The director may suspend, modify, or revoke any permit issued pursuant to this
 15 Code section if the holder of the permit is found to be in violation of any of the permit
 16 conditions or any order of the director or fails to perform solid waste handling in
 17 accordance with this part or rules promulgated under this part.

18 (C)(i) The director may modify any permit issued pursuant to this Code section in
 19 accordance with rules promulgated by the board. All modifications of existing
 20 permits shall be classified by the board as either major or minor modifications.

21 (ii) All modifications of existing permits to allow vertical or horizontal expansion of
 22 existing disposal facilities, except a facility operated by a utility regulated by the
 23 Public Service Commission, shall be classified as major permit modifications and
 24 shall not be granted by the director sooner than three years from the date any such
 25 facility commenced operation; provided, however, that a permit may be modified by
 26 the director to allow a vertical or horizontal expansion one time within three years

27 from the date the facility commenced operation so long as the capacity of the facility
28 is not increased more than 10 percent.

29 (iii) All modifications of permits for existing municipal solid waste disposal facilities
30 for the addition at such facility of a recovered materials processing facility shall be
31 classified as minor permit modifications, provided the location of such facility
32 complies with the same buffer requirements applicable to the disposal facility. Such
33 materials shall be reported at the disposal facility separately from waste materials
34 destined for disposal. Operators of such disposal facilities shall report to the
35 Department of Community Affairs on an annual basis the total amounts of such
36 materials diverted from landfill disposal.

37 (iv) The disposal facility permit holder shall provide written notification to the chief
38 elected official of the jurisdiction in which the facility is located at least 30 days prior
39 to starting any recovered materials processing facility. This notification shall include
40 an indication of whether or not the ten-year demonstrated capacity of the landfill will
41 be reduced. The permit holder shall comply with all applicable local zoning
42 ordinances. If necessary to satisfy local solid waste planning and reporting
43 requirements, disposal facility operators may be required by the county, municipality,
44 or solid waste management authority for the jurisdiction in which the disposal facility
45 is located to report the total amounts of such materials diverted from landfill
46 disposal."

48 SECTION 2.

49 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 12-8-27, which is reserved, as
50 follows:

51 "12-8-27.

52 No local government may require, as a condition of or consideration for a solid waste
53 hauling contract, any person to use methane gas generated at a landfill in their vehicles."

54 SECTION 3.

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