

Senate Bill 117

By: Senators Powell of the 23rd, Golden of the 8th, Staton of the 18th, Pearson of the 51st,
Brown of the 26th and others

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 revise provisions related to the "Made in
3 Georgia" program; to provide for rules and regulations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 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 revising Code Section 50-7-80, relating to
9 creation of the "Made in Georgia" Program, as follows:

10 "50-7-80.

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.

25 (c) The Department of Economic Development shall create and maintain a website
26 informing the public of Georgia manufacturers and their goods and products. All

27 governmental entities that maintain websites shall cooperate with the Department of
28 Economic Development to include a link to the website created pursuant to this subsection,
29 provided that the Department of Economic Development determines that such link is
30 appropriate and is in the best interest of the state.

31 (d) Companies shall be required to manufacture a minimum of 50 percent of its product
32 or good within the boundaries of the state of Georgia to qualify for inclusion to the
33 provisions of this Code section.

34 ~~(e)~~(e) The Department of Economic Development may adopt any rules and regulations
35 that it finds necessary to properly implement this Code section."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.