

House Bill 527

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state,
2 county, and municipal road systems, so as to authorize procedures relative to asbestos pipe;
3 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state, county, and
7 municipal road systems, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

8 "32-4-4.

9 (a) Whenever existing utility facilities owned and operated by a county, a municipality,
10 or a county or municipal authority contain asbestos pipe and such pipe exists in the rights
11 of way of any road, bridge, or other transportation project authorized pursuant to this title,
12 the county, municipality, or authority that owns and operates the utility facility shall have
13 the discretion to:

14 (1) Remove and dispose of the asbestos pipe; or

15 (2) Abandon the asbestos pipe in place and fill with grout.

16 (b) At the request of the department, any asbestos pipes abandoned as authorized by
17 subsection (a) of this Code section shall be marked so as to be locatable."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
20 without such approval.

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.