

House Bill 552

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Lane of the 167th, Bryant of the 160th, Williams of the 178th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to water well standards, so as to change certain provisions relating to
3 standards for wells and boreholes; to change certain provisions relating to bonds and letters
4 of credit for water well contractors or drillers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to water well standards, is amended in Code Section 12-5-134, relating to standards
10 for wells and boreholes, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (5), replacing the period
11 at the end of paragraph (6) with "; and", and adding a new paragraph (7) to read as follows:

12 "(7) Except for the purpose of controlling or reducing salt water intrusion, no well or
13 borehole shall be drilled or used for the purpose of injecting any surface water into the
14 Floridan aquifer in any county governed by the Georgia coastal zone management
15 program provided by Code Section 12-5-327."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 12-5-135, relating
18 to bonds and letters of credit for water well contractors or drillers, as follows:

19 ~~"(i) No bond or irrevocable letter of credit provided for in this Code section shall be~~
20 ~~accepted by the director from any water well contractor or driller who shall drill any well~~
21 ~~or borehole for the purpose of injecting any surface water into the floridan aquifer in any~~
22 ~~county governed by the Georgia coastal zone management program provided by Code~~
23 ~~Section 12-5-327 after July 1, 2003, and before December 31, 2009 Reserved."~~

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.