

House Bill 597

By: Representatives Carter of the 159th, England of the 108th, Lane of the 167th, and Bryant of the 160th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-135 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 bonds and letters of credit for water well contractors or drillers, so as to change certain
3 provisions relating to injection of surface water into the floridan aquifer; to provide an
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 12-5-135 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bonds and
8 letters of credit for water well contractors or drillers, is amended by revising subsection (i)
9 as follows:

10 "(i) No bond or irrevocable letter of credit provided for in this Code section shall be
11 accepted by the director from any water well contractor or driller who shall drill any well
12 or borehole for the purpose of injecting any surface water into the floridan aquifer in any
13 county governed by the Georgia coastal zone management program provided by Code
14 Section 12-5-327 ~~after July 1, 2003, and before December 31, 2009~~ on or after the effective
15 date of this subsection and before December 31, 2011."

16 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.