

House Bill 1115

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th and Williams of the 4th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 8-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 adoption and revision of state minimum standard codes for buildings, housing, and other
3 matters, so as to provide that small businesses shall be authorized to provide drinking water
4 by means of a water cooler or provision of bottled water as an alternative to any otherwise
5 required drinking fountain; to direct the adoption of an appropriate code amendment by the
6 Department of Community Affairs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 8-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adoption and
11 revision of state minimum standard codes for buildings, housing, and other matters, is revised
12 by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 "(c) Not later than October 1, 2010, the department, with the approval of the board, shall
14 revise and amend the International Plumbing Code so that small businesses may optionally
15 provide water by means of a water cooler or provision of bottled water as an alternative to
16 any otherwise required drinking fountain. As used in this subsection, the term 'small
17 business' means any business with not more than 15 employees."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.