

House Bill 225

By: Representatives Holmes of the 125th, England of the 108th, and McCall of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
2 provisions relative to agriculture, so as to define a term; to provide that it shall be the policy
3 of this state to promote sustainable agriculture; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions
8 relative to agriculture, is amended by revising Code Section 2-1-1, relating to definitions, as
9 follows:

10 "2-1-1.

11 As used in this title, the term:

12 (1) 'Commissioner' means the Commissioner of Agriculture.

13 (2) 'Department' means the Department of Agriculture of this state.

14 (3) 'Sustainable,' 'sustainable agriculture,' or 'sustainable agricultural practices' means
15 science-based agricultural practices or technologies that are supported by research or
16 otherwise demonstrated to lead to broad outcomes-based improvements, including but
17 not limited to such critical outcomes as increasing agricultural productivity, improving
18 human health through access to safe, nutritious, and affordable food, and enhancing
19 agricultural and surrounding environmental conditions such as water, soil, and air quality,
20 biodiversity, and habitat preservation, so as to meet the needs of the present and improve
21 the ability for future generations to meet their own needs while advancing progress
22 toward environmental, social, and economic goals and the well-being of agricultural
23 producers and rural communities."

24 SECTION 2.

25 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

26 "2-1-1.1.

27 It shall be the policy of this state to promote sustainable agriculture."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.