

House Bill 564

By: Representatives Maddox of the 127th, Roberts of the 154th, and McCall of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bona
2 fide conservation use assessment of property for ad valorem tax purposes, so as to provide
3 that certain use of property for collection and conversion of solar energy shall not constitute
4 a breach of a conservation use covenant for purposes of said Code section; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bona fide
9 conservation use assessment of property for ad valorem tax purposes, is amended in
10 subsection (p) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

11 "(5.1) Allowing part of the property to be used for the collection of solar energy and
12 conversion of the same into heat or electrical energy by means of solar energy collection
13 panels, for use of such converted energy on-site or transmission and use off-site by the
14 property owner or any other person, if the primary use of the property continues to be the
15 good faith production of agricultural products from or on the land;"

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.