

Senate Bill 319

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Tolleson of the 20th, Chance of the 16th, Tippins of the 37th and Bulloch of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 ordering of persons to leave parks, historic sites, or recreational areas upon their refusal to
3 observe rules and to prohibited acts generally, so as to revise certain provisions relating to
4 the use of boats in the waters of state parks, historic areas, and recreational areas; 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 12-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the ordering of
9 persons to leave parks, historic sites, or recreational areas upon their refusal to observe rules
10 and to prohibited acts generally, is amended by revising subsections (e), (g), (h), and (i) as
11 follows:

12 "(e) ~~It~~ With the exceptions of law enforcement and official use by the department, it shall
13 be unlawful for any person to have or use a privately owned boat on any of the following
14 state park lakes: have or use a boat on the waters of any park, historic site, or recreational
15 area in violation of any prohibition or restriction posted therein by the department. The
16 posting of signs at entrances of a park, historic site, or recreational area designating any
17 prohibitions of, or restrictions on the use of, boats on the waters of that park, historic area,
18 or recreational area shall constitute sufficient notice for the entire park, historic area, or
19 recreational area.

20 (1) ~~A. H. Stephens Federal Lake and Lake Liberty; or~~

21 (2) ~~John D. Tanner Lake (the 24 acre lake), provided that this prohibition shall apply~~
22 ~~only from May 1 through Labor Day of each year."~~

23 "(g) ~~It shall be unlawful for any person to have or use a boat, other than one on official~~
24 ~~business, with other than paddles or a portable bow or stern mounted electric trolling motor~~
25 ~~on any of the following state park lakes:~~

26 (1) ~~Black Rock Mountain Lake;~~

- 27 ~~(2) James H. 'Sloppy' Floyd Lake;~~
 28 ~~(3) A. H. Stephens-Lake Buncombe;~~
 29 ~~(4) Franklin D. Roosevelt-Lake Franklin or Lake Delano;~~
 30 ~~(5) John D. Tanner Lake (the 12 acre lake);~~
 31 ~~(5.1) John D. Tanner Lake (the 24 acre lake), provided that this prohibition shall apply~~
 32 ~~only from the day after Labor Day each year through April 30 of the following year;~~
 33 ~~(6) Sweetwater Creek Lake;~~
 34 ~~(7) Hard Labor Creek Lake (the 37 acre lake);~~
 35 ~~(8) Fort Mountain Lake;~~
 36 ~~(9) Vogel Lake; or~~
 37 ~~(10) Unicoi Lake. Reserved.~~
- 38 ~~(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to use a boat, other than one on official business,~~
 39 ~~with a motor which is neither an electric trolling motor nor ten horsepower or less on the~~
 40 ~~following state park lakes:~~
- 41 ~~(1) Fort Yargo Lake;~~
 42 ~~(2) Hamburg Lake;~~
 43 ~~(3) Hard Labor Creek Lake (the 275 acre lake);~~
 44 ~~(4) High Falls Lake;~~
 45 ~~(5) Indian Springs Lake;~~
 46 ~~(6) Kolomoki Mounds Lake;~~
 47 ~~(7) Stephen C. Foster Lake;~~
 48 ~~(8) Laura S. Walker Lake (between 7:00 A.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight~~
 49 ~~time, whichever is applicable, and 11:00 A.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight~~
 50 ~~time, whichever is applicable, and between 6:00 P.M. eastern standard time or 7:00 P.M.~~
 51 ~~eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, and sunset);~~
 52 ~~(9) Little Ocmulgee Lake (between 7:00 A.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight~~
 53 ~~time, whichever is applicable, and 11:00 A.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight~~
 54 ~~time, whichever is applicable, and between 6:00 P.M. eastern standard time or 7:00 P.M.~~
 55 ~~eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, and sunset); and~~
 56 ~~(10) Magnolia Springs Lake (between 7:00 A.M. eastern standard time or eastern~~
 57 ~~daylight time, whichever is applicable, and 11:00 A.M. eastern standard time or eastern~~
 58 ~~daylight time, whichever is applicable, and between 6:00 P.M. eastern standard time or~~
 59 ~~7:00 P.M. eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, and sunset). Reserved.~~
- 60 ~~(i) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish in waters of any park, historic site, or~~
 61 ~~recreational area, except for boat fishing between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and sunset and~~
 62 ~~bank or wade fishing between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M., unless otherwise~~
 63 ~~prohibited. It shall also be unlawful to fish in waters of any park, historic site, or~~

64 recreational area which have been closed and posted by the department for fisheries
65 management purposes."

66 **SECTION 2.**

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