

Senate Bill 374

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Bethel of the 54th, Hill of the 32nd, Gooch of the 51st, Shafer of the 48th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions relative to water resources, so as to exempt water withdrawals  
3 from a certain portion of the Tennessee River basin from restrictions on transfers of water;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 general provisions relative to water resources, is amended by adding a new Code section to  
9 read as follows:

10 "12-5-10.

11 The withdrawal of surface water from any point within that portion of the Tennessee River  
12 basin lying in the Chickamauga Valley and Lookout Mountain physiographic districts in  
13 this state followed by use or return of some or all of that water to a different river basin in  
14 this state shall be exempt from any restriction on transfers of water provided by or pursuant  
15 to any provision of this chapter."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.