

Senate Bill 467

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Jackson of the 24th, Bethel of the 54th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Public Health, so as to provide for a disposal method for septage from an
3 on-site sewage management system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
8 of Public Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-2A-12.

10 (a) Any septic tank pumper certified by the department may remove the contents of an
11 on-site sewage management system, as defined in Code Section 31-2A-11, with a vehicle
12 identified and maintained in accordance with department requirements and dispose of such
13 contents in accordance with department requirements in the following manner:

14 (1) The solids may be removed from such contents through a dewatering process;

15 (2) The water recovered through the dewatering process may be distributed to another
16 properly approved on-site sewage management system; and

17 (3) The removed solids may be placed in a land disposal site or other facility approved
18 by the department.

19 (b) Any certified septic tank pumper who disposes of septage in accordance with the
20 procedures in this Code section shall maintain a log identifying:

21 (1) The date and location of the removal of contents of any on-site sewage management
22 system;

23 (2) The date and location of the dewatering of such contents;

24 (3) The date and location of the final disposal of the water recovered through the
25 dewatering process; and

26 (4) The date and location of the final disposal of the removed solids.

27 Such logs shall be made available to the department by the certified septic tank pumper
28 within 30 days of request by the department for inspection of such logs."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.