

Senate Bill 499

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Stone of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil
2 liability for violations of water pollution provisions, so as to require violators to pay for the
3 costs of third-party monitoring; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 12-5-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil liability
7 for violations of water pollution provisions, is amended by adding a new subsection to read
8 as follows:

9 "(c) In addition to any liability imposed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section,
10 any person who intentionally causes or permits any toxic, corrosive, acidic, caustic, or
11 bacterial substance or substances to be spilled, discharged, or deposited in the waters of this
12 state, except by providential cause, in amounts, concentrations, or combinations harmful
13 to the public health, safety, or welfare, or to animals, birds, or aquatic life, shall be required
14 to pay the full cost of external third-party monitoring for a period of time determined by
15 the director; provided, however, that such time period shall not exceed two years. The
16 department shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and
17 administer this subsection."

18 SECTION 2.

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.