

Senate Bill 521

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-179 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 permits and performance bonds for operation of public water systems, so as to require public  
3 water suppliers utilizing a waste-water sewer system owned or operated by a county,  
4 municipality, or local authority to transmit customer water consumption data to such county,  
5 municipality, or local authority; to require public water suppliers to suspend water supply to  
6 customers who have failed to pay charges for use of the waste-water sewer system; to repeal  
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 12-5-179 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits and  
11 performance bonds for operation of public water systems, is amended by adding a new  
12 subsection to read as follows:

13 "(h)(1) Any public water system within this state supplying water to customers who,  
14 incidental to the purchase of such water, utilize a waste-water sewer system owned or  
15 operated by a county, municipality, or local authority to dispose of or discharge the water  
16 purchased shall furnish to such political subdivision the amount of water consumed by  
17 each individually metered customer account during each billing period.

18 (2) Upon receiving notice from a county, municipality, or local authority described in  
19 paragraph (1) of this subsection that a customer has failed to timely pay any charges for  
20 the use of the waste-water sewer system, the water supplier shall immediately suspend  
21 water supply to that customer. The water supply to such customer shall remain  
22 suspended until such political subdivision notifies the water supplier to resume water  
23 service. The water supplier shall be authorized to charge a reasonable fee to the customer  
24 for the cost of suspension or resumption of water service.

25 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall abrogate the provisions of Code Section 36-60-17."

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.