

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment offers the following substitute to SB 110:

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
7 provide for exemptions; to amend Code Section 12-8-41 of the Official Code of Georgia
8 Annotated, relating to permitting of land disposal sites receiving waste from septic tank
9 pumping and hauling businesses, so as to extend the date through which such sites operating
10 under a valid permit as of June 30, 2007, may continue to operate; to amend Code Section
11 31-2A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of land disposal
12 sites for septic tank waste from one business, so as to provide uniformity; to provide for an
13 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

15 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

24 (2) Upon receiving notice from a county, municipality, or local authority described in
25 paragraph (1) of this subsection that a customer has failed to timely pay any charges for
26 the use of the waste-water sewer system, the water supplier shall, within five business

27 days of such notice, suspend water supply to that customer. The water supply to such
 28 customer shall remain suspended until such political subdivision notifies the water
 29 supplier to resume water service. The water supplier shall be authorized to charge a
 30 reasonable fee to the customer for the cost of suspension or resumption of water service.
 31 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall abrogate the provisions of Code Section 36-60-17.
 32 (4) The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to submetered multifamily,
 33 multi-industrial, or multicommercial properties."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 Code Section 12-8-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permitting of
 36 land disposal sites receiving waste from septic tank pumping and hauling businesses, is
 37 amended as follows:

38 "12-8-41.

39 The department shall provide by rule or regulation for the regulation and permitting of any
 40 land disposal site that receives septic tank waste from any one or more septic tank pumping
 41 and hauling businesses. Any new permit issued for such type of site on or after July 1,
 42 2007, shall be issued by the department under this Code section. Any such type of site that
 43 as of June 30, 2007, operated under a valid permit issued on or before such date by the
 44 Department of Human Resources (now known as the Department of Public Health for these
 45 purposes) under Code Section 31-2A-12 may continue to operate under such Code section
 46 until July 1, ~~2012~~ 2014, but a permit shall be obtained from the department under this Code
 47 section prior to such date in order to continue such operation thereafter."

48 **SECTION 3.**

49 Code Section 31-2A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of
 50 land disposal sites for septic tank waste from one business, is amended as follows:

51 "31-2A-12.

52 Until July 1, ~~2012~~ 2014, the department shall provide by rule or regulation for the
 53 regulation of any land disposal site that receives septic tank waste from only one septic
 54 tank pumping and hauling business and which as of June 30, 2007, operated under a valid
 55 permit for such activity as issued by the department (previously known as the Department
 56 of Human Resources for these purposes) under this Code section. No new permit shall be
 57 issued by the department under this Code section for such type of site on or after July 1,
 58 2007, but instead any new permit issued for such type of site on or after such date shall be
 59 issued by the Department of Natural Resources under Code Section 12-8-41. This Code
 60 section shall stand repealed on July 1, ~~2012~~ 2014."

61 **SECTION 4.**

62 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
63 without such approval.

64 **SECTION 5.**

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