

Senate Bill 194

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Bethel of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 12-3-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 powers and duties of the Department of Natural Resources relative to historic preservation
3 and promotion, so as to include an exemption for restoration of certain barns used to promote
4 Georgia tourist destinations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 12-3-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and
8 duties of the Department of Natural Resources relative to historic preservation and
9 promotion, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(7) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit a person from restoring and utilizing an
11 agricultural structure, including but not limited to barns, erected prior to 1965 that
12 previously promoted Georgia tourist destinations to the traveling public for the purpose
13 of advertising or promoting Georgia products or tourist destinations. The department
14 shall approve applications for such structures so long as no public funds from the State
15 of Georgia are used in connection with such restoration or utilization."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.