

Senate Bill 81

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and Gooch of the 51st

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-6-152 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 prohibited acts regarding harvesting ginseng, so as to shorten the legal season for harvesting  
3 ginseng; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 12-6-152 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited acts  
7 regarding harvesting ginseng, is amended as follows:

8 "12-6-152.

9 It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest ginseng in this state except from ~~August 15~~  
10 September 1 through December 31 and with the written permission of the owner of the  
11 property on which the ginseng is located. It shall also be unlawful for any person to  
12 harvest ginseng that has fewer than three prongs. Further, it shall also be unlawful for any  
13 person to fail to plant, immediately after harvest, the ripe berries of the harvested ginseng  
14 at the same location at which such ginseng was harvested."

15 **SECTION 2.**

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

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.