

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to HB 320:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to solid waste management generally, so as to exempt certain compliant  
3 inert waste landfills from additional regulatory permitting; to delete a cross-reference; to  
4 amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
5 provisions regarding the Environmental Protection Division and Environmental Advisory  
6 Council, so as to update the effective date of rules and regulations for purposes of criminal  
7 law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

10 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
11 relating to solid waste management generally, is amended in Code Section 12-8-24, relating  
12 to permits for solid waste handling activities, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 "(k) Any inert waste landfill owned and operated by a local government or authority  
14 which, as of January 1, 2014, has been certified by a professional engineer registered in  
15 accordance with Chapter 15 of Title 43 as being in full compliance with all permit by rule  
16 requirements established in the rules and regulations of the division as they existed on  
17 January 1, 2012, may continue to operate under such permit by rule requirements."  
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**SECTION 2.**

19 Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-8-27.1, relating to the solid waste trust fund,  
20 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

21 "(a) There shall be established the solid waste trust fund. The director shall serve as trustee  
22 of the solid waste trust fund. The moneys deposited in such fund pursuant to this Code  
23 section, ~~Code Section 12-8-27,~~ and ~~Code Section Sections~~ 12-8-30.6; and ~~Code Section~~  
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25 12-8-40.1 may be expended by the director, with the approval of the board, for the  
 26 following purposes:

27 (1) To take whatever emergency action is necessary or appropriate to assure that the  
 28 public health or safety is not threatened whenever there is a release or substantial threat  
 29 of a release of contaminants from a disposal facility;

30 (2) To take preventive or corrective actions where the release of contaminants presents  
 31 an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment and where the owner or  
 32 operator has not been identified or is unable or unwilling to perform corrective action,  
 33 including but not limited to closure and postclosure care of a disposal facility and  
 34 provisions for providing alternative water supplies;

35 (3) To take such actions as may be necessary to monitor and provide postclosure care of  
 36 any disposal facility, including preventive and corrective actions, without regard to the  
 37 identity or solvency of the owner thereof, commencing five years after the date of  
 38 completing closure; and

39 (4) To take such actions as may be necessary to implement the provisions of a scrap tire  
 40 management program in this state, particularly as may be related to the cleanup of scrap  
 41 tire disposal piles and facilities, regulation of scrap tire carriers and other handlers, and  
 42 disbursement of grants and loans to cities, counties, and other persons as may be  
 43 necessary to implement fully the provisions of this part."

44 **SECTION 3.**

45 Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
 46 provisions regarding the Environmental Protection Division and Environmental Advisory  
 47 Council, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

48 "(5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of establishing criminal  
 49 violations of the standards, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural  
 50 Resources as provided in this title, the term 'standards, rules, and regulations' shall mean  
 51 those standards, rules, and regulations of the Board of Natural Resources in force and  
 52 effect on January 1, ~~1998~~ 2013."

53 **SECTION 4.**

54 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

55 **SECTION 5.**

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