

House Bill 769

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th, Houston of the 170th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Jones of the 167th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 7 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to watercraft held in inventory, so as to make permanent an exemption
3 from ad valorem taxation for certain watercraft held in inventory for sale or resale; to provide
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

8 Part 7 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to watercraft held in inventory, is amended by revising Code Section 48-5-504.40,
10 relating to watercraft held in inventory for resale exempt from taxation for limited period of
11 time, as follows:

12 "48-5-504.40.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Dealer' means any person who is engaged in the business of selling watercraft at
15 retail.

16 (2) 'Watercraft' means any vehicle which is self-propelled or which is capable of
17 self-propelled water transportation, or both.

18 (b) Watercraft owned by a dealer and held in inventory for sale or resale shall constitute
19 a separate classification of tangible property for ad valorem taxation purposes. The
20 procedures prescribed in this chapter for returning watercraft for ad valorem taxation,
21 determining the application rates for taxation, and collecting the ad valorem taxes imposed
22 on watercraft do not apply to watercraft owned by a dealer and held in inventory for sale
23 or resale. ~~For the period commencing January 1, 2016, and concluding December 31,~~
24 ~~2019, such~~ Such watercraft owned by a dealer and held in inventory for sale or resale shall
25 not be returned for ad valorem taxation and shall not be taxed, and no taxes shall be

26 collected on such watercraft until it is transferred and then otherwise, if at all, becomes
27 subject to taxation as provided in this chapter."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
30 without such approval and shall apply to all tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2017.

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.