

House Bill 1634

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to control of water pollution and surface-water use, so as to require agricultural water
3 suppliers to report on annual water use; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 control of water pollution and surface-water use, is amended by revising paragraph (6) of
8 subsection (m.1) of Code Section 12-5-31, relating to regulated riparian rights to surface
9 waters for general or farm use, as follows:

10 "(6) Regarding all permits for which a water-measuring device is installed, regardless of
11 when the permit was issued, the ~~division~~ permittee shall contract for the annual reading
12 of such water-measuring devices with a division approved contractor. The division shall
13 publish a list of approved contractors on the division website. The ~~division~~ permittee
14 shall require each contractor conducting such annual readings to transmit complete and
15 accurate data required by the division to the division annually."

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SECTION 2.

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.