

House Bill 1627

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to uniform conservation easements, so as to provide for interests in water rights
3 under a conservation easement; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 uniform conservation easements, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section
8 44-10-2, relating to definitions, as follows:

9 "(1) 'Conservation easement' means a nonpossessory interest of a holder in real property
10 imposing limitations or affirmative obligations, the purposes of which include retaining
11 or protecting natural, scenic, or open-space values of real property; assuring its
12 availability for agricultural, forest, recreational, riparian, or open-space use; protecting
13 natural resources; maintaining or enhancing air or water quality; maintaining or
14 enhancing beneficial uses of water rights; or preserving the historical, architectural,
15 archeological, or cultural aspects of real property."

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SECTION 2.

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.