

House Bill 512

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit the assessment  
3 of storm-water utility fees on water-neutral properties; to provide for related matters; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions  
8 applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section  
9 to read as follows:

10 "36-60-17.2.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'water-neutral site' means a property designed  
12 to achieve control of water runoff from a 25 year, 24 hour storm event in a manner  
13 consistent with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual.

14 (b) No county, municipality, consolidated government, or local authority shall charge a  
15 storm-water collection and disposal fee for any property that is certified as a water-neutral  
16 site by a professional engineer registered in accordance with Chapter 15 of Title 43.  
17 Submission of proof of certification shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

18 (c) A property certified in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain  
19 exempt from the imposition of a storm-water collection and disposal fee unless the county,  
20 municipality, consolidated government, or local authority can show that such property is  
21 no longer a water-neutral site, as measured by the standards of the Georgia Stormwater  
22 Management Manual as it existed when such property was certified."

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.