

House Bill 919

By: Representative Petrea of the 166th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 outdoor stewardship, so as to eliminate reductions in appropriations; to provide for related
3 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor
7 stewardship, is amended by revising Code Section 12-6A-5, relating to establishment of the
8 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, as follows:

9 "12-6A-5.

10 (a) There is established the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund as a separate fund
11 in the state treasury. ~~Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section, the~~
12 The General Assembly shall appropriate to the trust fund 40 percent of all moneys received
13 by the state from the sales and use tax collected by establishments classified under the 2007
14 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores, in the most
15 recently completed fiscal year.

16 (b) Such funds shall not lapse to the general fund. Such funds shall be used to support the
17 protection and conservation of land and shall be used to supplement, not supplant,
18 department resources.

19 ~~(c)(1) In the event that, in any current fiscal year, the most recently completed fiscal~~
20 ~~year's total moneys received from the levy of a sales and use tax fall at least 1 percent~~
21 ~~below the total moneys received from the levy of the tax in the year prior to the most~~
22 ~~recently completed fiscal year, then the amount that the General Assembly shall~~
23 ~~appropriate to the trust fund for the following fiscal year shall be reduced by 20 percent.~~

24 ~~(2) In the event that, in a fiscal year following the fiscal year of an initial trust fund~~
25 ~~appropriation reduction pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the most recently~~
26 ~~completed fiscal year's total moneys received from the levy of a sales and use tax fall at~~
27 ~~least 1 percent below the total moneys received from the levy of the tax in the year prior~~
28 ~~to the most recently completed fiscal year, then the amount that the General Assembly~~
29 ~~shall appropriate to the trust fund for the following fiscal year shall be reduced by 50~~
30 ~~percent.~~

31 ~~(d) In any current fiscal year following a year for which the amount appropriated to the~~
32 ~~trust fund is reduced in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section, the same~~
33 ~~percentage reduction shall continue unless the total moneys received from the levy of the~~
34 ~~sales and use tax in the most recently completed fiscal year equal or exceed the total~~
35 ~~moneys received from the levy of the sales and use tax in the most recent fiscal year in~~
36 ~~which no reduction in the amount appropriated to the trust fund occurred pursuant to~~
37 ~~subsection (c) or (d) of this Code section."~~

38 **SECTION 2.**

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