

Senate Bill 478

By: Senators Watson of the 11th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

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 provide for a sunset; to raise the percentage of moneys
3 appropriated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor
8 stewardship, is amended by revising Code Section 12-6A-2, relating to purpose of funding
9 protection of conservation land, as follows:

10 "12-6A-2.

11 (a) This chapter is enacted pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI~~(p)~~(q) of the
12 Constitution, which authorizes up to 80 percent of all moneys received by the state from
13 the sales and use tax collected by outdoor recreation equipment establishments classified
14 under the 2007 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores
15 in the immediately preceding fiscal year to be dedicated to the Georgia Outdoor
16 Stewardship Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the protection of conservation land.

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17 (b) This chapter shall remain in effect until June 30, 2039, pursuant to Article III, Section
18 IX, Paragraph VI(q) of the Constitution."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 12-6A-5, relating to establishment of the
21 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

22 "(a) There is established the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund as a separate fund
23 in the state treasury. Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section, the
24 General Assembly shall appropriate to the trust fund ~~40~~ 80 percent of all moneys received
25 by the state from the sales and use tax collected by establishments classified under the 2007
26 North American Industry Classification Code 451110, sporting goods stores, in the most
27 recently completed fiscal year."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.