

House Bill 1266 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, and Meeks of the 178th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as
3 to revise a provision relative to the use of certain watercrafts being operated on the Ogeechee
4 River; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, is amended by
9 revising subsection (c) of Code Section 52-7-13, relating to boating safety zones, restrictions
10 on use of motors and operation of houseboats on certain lakes, and exceptions, as follows:

11 "(c) With the exception of law enforcement crafts, no ~~motor in excess of 9.9 horsepower~~
12 personal watercraft as defined in paragraph (2) of Code Section 52-7-8.2 shall be used on
13 any vessel being operated on the Ogeechee River from the point where it crosses State
14 Highway No. 119 to its point of origin."

15 **SECTION 2.**

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16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.