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House Bill 1057

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to soil amendments, so as to authorize further regulation of soil amendments derived
- 3 from industrial by-products by local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal
- 4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil
- 8 amendments, is amended by revising Code Section 2-12-80, relating to promulgation and
- 9 adoption of rules and regulations and sharing of information, as follows:
- 10 "2-12-80.

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- 11 The Commissioner is authorized to promulgate:
- 12 (1) Promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce this
- article. Such regulations may relate to, but shall not be limited to, methods of inspection
- and examination, designation of ingredients, and identity of products. The Commissioner
- is also authorized to promulgate;
- 16 (2) Promulgate and adopt rules and regulations relative to soil amendments derived from
- industrial by-products which may include, but not be limited to, application rates, proper
- 18 conditions for application, application record keeping and retention, development and use
- of site-specific nutrient management plans, and storage and containment in or on lands
- where soil amendments are applied; provided, however, that such rules and regulations
- 21 <u>shall serve as minimum standards where the governing authority of a county or municipal</u>
- 22 corporation by local ordinance or resolution may further regulate the application of soil
- 23 <u>amendments derived from industrial by-products</u>. The Commissioner is further
- 24 authorized to share; and

25	(3) Share such information and consult with other agencies such as, but not limited to,
26	the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources and the
27	United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.