

House Bill 320

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Dickey of the 134th, Parsons of the 44th, Camp of the 135th, Cannon of the 172nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require
3 the recycling of solar panels; to prohibit the discarding or disposing of solar panels by any
4 manner other than by delivery to a collection or recovered materials processing facility or
5 other recycling center that accepts solar panels for recycling; to provide for definitions; to
6 provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, is amended by adding a
12 new Code section to read as follows:

13 "12-8-28.1.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

15 (1) 'Solar panel' means any device that contains a bank of solar cells or other solar energy
16 collection system that when exposed to solar radiation can generate electricity.

(2) 'Solar power facility' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 46-3-67.

(b) No owner or operator of a solar power facility shall discard or dispose of or cause to be discarded or disposed of a solar panel by placing it in a landfill or other disposal facility; by placing it with other municipal solid waste or commercial solid waste that is or will be delivered to a landfill or other disposal facility; or by any other manner except by delivery to a collection or recovered materials processing facility or other recycling center that accepts solar panels for recycling.

(c) Any owner or operator of a solar power facility who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each offense. The civil penalty provided for in this subsection shall be recoverable in a civil action brought in any court of competent jurisdiction by the Attorney General or any district attorney."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.