

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 451:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to provide for the optional
3 determination by a taxpayer of the fair market value applicable to inventory for which a
4 level 1 freeport exemption is sought for certain taxable years; to provide for related matters;
5 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to property tax exemptions, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section
10 48-5-48.1, relating to tangible personal property inventory exemption, application, failure to
11 file application as waiver of exemption, denials, and notice of renewals, to read as follows:
12 “(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for a taxpayer that claimed
13 an exemption for the 2020 taxable year for finished goods inventory described within
14 paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-5-48.2, the taxpayer shall have the
15 option to determine the fair market value of eligible finished goods inventory for which
16 such exemption is applicable and sought for the 2021 taxable year based on either the fair

17 market value of applicable inventory as of January 1, 2020, or the fair market value of
18 applicable inventory as of January 1, 2021."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.