

Senate Bill 306

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to water well standards, so as to permanently extend the moratorium on
3 well or borehole construction for the injection of ground water into certain aquifers; to
4 permanently extend the moratorium on acceptance of bonds or letters of credit by the director
5 for certain aquifer injection operations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to water well standards, is amended by revising paragraph (7) of Code Section
10 12-5-134, relating to standards and wells for boreholes, as follows:

11 "(7) No well or borehole shall be drilled or used and no existing well or borehole shall
12 be converted for the purpose of injecting any surface or ground water into the Floridan
13 aquifer in any county governed by the Georgia coastal zone management program
14 provided by Code Section 12-5-327 ~~before July 1, 2014.~~"

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-5-135, relating to requirement of bond or
17 letter of credit for water well contractors and drillers, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

18 "(i) No bond or irrevocable letter of credit provided for in this Code section shall be
19 accepted by the director from any water well contractor or driller who shall drill any new
20 well or borehole or convert any existing well or borehole for the purpose of injecting any
21 surface or ground water into the Floridan aquifer in any county governed by the Georgia
22 coastal zone management program provided by Code Section 12-5-327 ~~after July 1, 2003,~~
23 ~~and before July 1, 2014.~~"

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.