

Senate Bill 516

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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 of solid waste management, so as to require the
3 Environmental Protection Division to contract with the Department of Revenue to collect
4 certain fees; to specify the manner in which funds appropriated to the Solid Waste Trust
5 Fund shall be used; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to general provisions of solid waste management, is amended by revising
11 paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 12-8-23.1, relating to powers and duties of
12 the director of the Environmental Protection Division, to read as follows:

13 "(19) To contract with the Department of Revenue to collect fees related to the sale of
14 new replacement tires and with such fees administer such programs as may be necessary
15 to ensure that scrap tires are regulated from the point of generation to the point of
16 ultimate disposal to protect public health and the environment; and"

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SECTION 2.

18 Said part is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 12-8-27.1, relating
19 to the Solid Waste Trust Fund, to read as follows:

20 "(f) All funds transferred or appropriated to the Solid Waste Trust Fund, except funds
21 deposited in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of this Code section, shall be
22 expended according to the following schedule:

23 (1) Ten percent of funds shall be used to make grants and loans pursuant to Code
24 Section 12-8-37.1 for the implementation of innovative technologies for the recycling and
25 reuse of scrap tires and litter abatement, giving priority to grants for the reuse of scrap
26 tires. To the greatest extent practicable, scrap tire related activity expenditures shall be
27 directed toward scrap tire generation from the State of Georgia; and

28 (2) The director shall calculate the total expenditures of all funds from the Solid Waste
29 Trust Fund, except funds deposited in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of
30 this Code section or paragraph (1) of this subsection, from Fiscal Year 2018 to Fiscal
31 Year 2022, divided by category of expenditure, to determine the portion each category
32 of expenditure represents of such total. The director shall ensure that future expenditures
33 maintain such proportions in future fiscal years."

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SECTION 3.

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