

House Bill 1022

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Greene of the 151st, Harden of the 148th, Epps of the 144th, Buckner of the 137th, 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 disposal, so as to provide for
3 permit by notification for inert waste landfill operations; to repeal a grandfather provision
4 relating to inert waste landfills; to establish new statutory requirements for inert waste
5 landfill operators; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other 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 relative to solid waste disposal, is amended in Code Section
11 12-8-24, relating to permit and inspection requirements for solid waste handling, by repealing
12 subsection (k).

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "12-8-24.3.

16 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'inert waste landfill' means a disposal facility
17 accepting only wastes that are not likely to cause production of leachate of environmental
18 concern.

19 (b) An inert waste landfill operator shall be deemed to have a solid waste handling permit
20 if notification is made to the director and the following additional requirements are met:

21 (1) Only waste that will not or is not likely to produce leachate of environmental concern
22 shall be disposed of in the landfill;

23 (2) No portion of the waste disposal area is located within 100 linear feet of any property
24 line or enclosed structure;

25 (3) Materials placed in the landfill are spread in layers and compacted to the least volume
26 practical, and a uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover no less than one foot in
27 depth is placed over all exposed inert waste material at least monthly;

28 (4) The landfill site is graded and drained to minimize runoff onto the landfill surface so
29 as to prevent erosion and to drain water from the landfill surface;

30 (5) Access to the landfill is limited to authorized entrances which shall be closed when
31 the site is not in operation;

32 (6) Suitable means are provided to prevent and control fires; and

33 (7) A uniform compacted layer of final cover no less than two feet in depth and an
34 additional vegetative cover are placed over the final lift no later than one month following
35 final placement of inert waste within such lift.

36 (c) Notice of final closure of an inert waste landfill shall be provided to the director within
37 30 days of receiving the final load of waste along with such additional reporting and
38 information relating to such closure that the director may require."

39 **SECTION 3.**

40 This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2016.

41 **SECTION 4.**

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