

House Bill 515

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Powell of the 32nd, McCall of the 33rd, Riley of the 50th, and Taylor of the 79th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-584 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 water supply and water conservation management plan and interbasin transfers relative to the
3 Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, so as to provide an exemption to the
4 prohibition on interbasin transfers from certain rivers; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide 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 Code Section 12-5-584 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water supply
9 and water conservation management plan and interbasin transfers relative to the Metropolitan
10 North Georgia Water Planning District, is amended by revising subsection (f) as follows:

11 "(f) The district shall neither study nor include in any plan any interbasin transfer of water
12 from outside the district area; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to an
13 interbasin transfer from a river with an annual average flow of at least 15 billion gallons
14 per day at the withdrawal point and which is approved by the county in which the
15 withdrawal point is located."

16 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.