



HOUSE BILL 199 | TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATION

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PURPOSE

The purpose of [House Bill 199](#) is to amend Georgia's timber harvest notification law (O.C.G.A. 12-6-24) to achieve greater uniformity among counties that have a timber harvest ordinance and to create operational efficiencies for Georgia loggers.



"I appreciate the work that GFA put into shaping and getting HB 199 passed, and Governor Deal's support of the bill. This legislation is going to make my life a whole lot easier by simplifying what I have to do to log my clients' timber."

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PROVISIONS

The previous timber harvest notification law was administered differently in counties throughout the state and was onerous in many respects for loggers. HB 199 will change several provisions of the law to be more "logger friendly," increasing efficiencies and simplifying the compliance process.

HB 199 accomplishes the following:

- » Removes the requirement for a bond on every tract harvested in favor of a single bond per county per year
- » Clarifies that local governing authorities cannot charge fees for notification of a harvest
- » Allows a contractor 24 hours to notify the county after moving onto a tract rather than having to notify authorities prior to moving onto a tract
- » Allows notification by email
- » Clarifies that the notification form provided by the State Forester is the only information a local governing authority can require from a contractor

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