

House Bill 981

By: Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 145th, Meeks of the 178th, and Rhodes of the 124th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and
2 housing, so as to exempt agricultural structures from permitting fees; to provide for a
3 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is
7 amended in Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to general provisions regarding
8 buildings generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "8-2-5.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'agricultural structure' means any building or
11 structure which is to be used or is used solely for the commercial production or processing
12 of crops, livestock, animals, poultry, honeybees, honeybee products, livestock products,
13 poultry products, timber, forest products, or products which are used in commercial
14 aquaculture. Such term shall also include any farm labor camp or facilities for migrant
15 farm workers.

16 (b) No county or municipal corporation shall require payment of any fee in excess of
17 \$500.00 related to issuing a permit or other such approval to a qualified agricultural
18 producer, as defined in Code Section 48-8-3.3, pursuant to this title regarding the
19 construction or renovation of an agricultural structure."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.