Control of Water Pollution and Surface-Water Use O.C.G.A § 12-5-21. Declaration of policy; legislative intent

(a) It is declared... "that the water resources of the state shall be utilized prudently for the maximum benefit of the people, in order to restore and maintain a reasonable degree of purity in the waters of the state and an adequate supply of such waters, and to require where necessary reasonable usage of the waters of the state and reasonable treatment of sewage, industrial wastes, and other wastes prior to their discharge into such waters..."

