

House Bill 275

By: Representatives Snow of the 2nd, Burkhalter of the 41st, Day of the 153rd, Barnard of the 154th, Johnson of the 35th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Natural Gas Competition and Deregulation Act," so as to change a statement of legislative
3 intent with respect to rate-making methods; to repeal a certain definition; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Natural
8 Gas Competition and Deregulation Act," is amended by striking in its entirety paragraph (7)
9 of Code Section 46-4-152, relating to definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof a new
10 paragraph (7) to read as follows:

11 "(7) Provide for rate-making methods which the General Assembly finds appropriate for
12 the provision of natural gas services, including without limitation ~~the use of straight fixed~~
13 ~~variable rate design~~, the recovery of certain stranded costs; and the use of alternative forms
14 of rate regulation; and"

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said article is further amended by striking in their entirety paragraphs (16) and (17) of Code
17 Section 46-4-152, relating to definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 ~~"(16) 'Straight fixed variable' means a rate form in which the fixed costs of providing~~
19 ~~distribution service are recovered through one or more fixed components and the variable~~
20 ~~costs are recovered through one or more variable components.~~

21 ~~(17)~~(16) "Winter heating season" means the calendar days from October 1 of one year
22 through March 31, inclusive, of the following year."

SECTION 3.

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2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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