

House Bill 349

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to the distribution, storage, and sale of gas, so as to provide that whenever a retail customer of a natural gas company has service reconnected within a period of eight months after such service was disconnected, the natural gas company may charge a connection fee only; to provide that a natural gas company shall be prohibited from charging a retail customer for the availability of natural gas service or for other services during the period that the natural gas was disconnected; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to the distribution, storage, and sale of gas, is amended by adding following Code Section 46-4-1 a new Code Section 46-4-2 to read as follows:

"46-4-2.

Whenever a retail customer of a natural gas company has service reconnected within a period of eight months after such service was disconnected, the natural gas company may charge a connection fee only. A natural gas company shall be prohibited from charging a retail customer for the availability of natural gas service or for other services during the period that the natural gas was disconnected."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.