

House Bill 428

By: Representatives Heckstall of the 55th, Randall of the 127th, Heard of the 89th, Holmes of the 53rd and McKinney of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to criminal trespass and damage to property, so as to provide that entering the land
3 of another for purposes of reading an electric, natural gas, or water meter and failing to leave
4 notice of such meter reading shall be a misdemeanor; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 criminal trespass and damage to property, is amended by inserting a new Code Section
10 16-7-21.1 to read as follows:

11 "16-7-21.1.

12 Any person who enters upon the land of another person for purposes of reading a meter
13 thereon in the course of his or her duties as an employee or agent of a supplier of electric
14 current, natural gas, or water to such premises shall, after reading such meter, leave written
15 notice to the occupier at the main entrance or other conspicuous place on the premises of
16 the fact that the electric, natural gas, or water meter was read on that date and of the
17 recorded meter reading. Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a
18 misdemeanor."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.