

House Bill 986

By: Representative Buckner of the 95th, Burkhalter of the 41st, Snow of the 2nd, Powell of the 23rd, Bannister of the 77th 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,
2 relating to natural gas competition and deregulation, so as to prohibit marketers from using
3 an individual consumer's credit record to determine the price of natural gas for the consumer;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 natural gas competition and deregulation, is amended in Code Section 46-4-160, relating to
9 the commission's jurisdiction and authority with regard to certificated marketers, conduct of
10 marketers, access to books and records of marketers, application of the "Fair Business
11 Practices Act" to marketers, and penalties, by inserting a new subsection to be designated
12 subsection (k) to read as follows:

13 "(k) Marketers shall not use an individual consumer's credit record with any consumer
14 reporting agency as defined in Section 603(f) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act to
15 determine directly or indirectly the price of natural gas for the individual consumer."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.