

House Bill 987

By: Representative Buckner of the 95th, Burkhalter of the 41st, Powell of the 23rd, Bannister of the 77th, Parsons of the 40th 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 competition and deregulation in natural gas, so as to prohibit the termination of
3 natural gas service to certain residential customers for failure to pay for the natural gas for
4 a period of 90 days following the due date on the customer's unpaid bill; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 competition and deregulation in natural gas, is amended by inserting a new Code section to
10 be designated Code Section 46-4-160.3 to read as follows:

11 "46-4-160.3.

12 This Code section shall apply only to residential customers who owe a marketer less than
13 \$125.00 for regular service or for due or past due payments for previous service in a
14 payment plan agreed to by the marketer and the residential customer. Termination of
15 natural gas service to such a customer for failure to pay such debt shall not occur sooner
16 than the ninetieth day following the due date specified on the customer's unpaid bill."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.