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The House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications offers the following substitute to HB 288:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 general provisions relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to provide that
- 3 certain utilities and natural gas marketers shall return consumer deposits under certain
- 4 conditions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
- 8 provisions relating to public utilities, and public transportation, is amended by adding a new
- 9 Code section to read as follows:
- 10 "46-1-6.
- Each retail supplier of electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, and telephone service, and each
- 12 natural gas marketer which requires the payment of a deposit from its residential
- customers, shall return such deposit, with any legally required interest thereon, when such
- customer has satisfactorily paid his or her charges on time for up to 24 consecutive months
- unless a shorter time for such return of a deposit is otherwise provided by law or
- 16 regulation."
- 17 SECTION 2.
- 18 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2008.
- 19 SECTION 3.
- 20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.