

ADOPTED

Senator Tolleson of the 20th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the LC 25 5643S substitute to HB 169 by inserting after "such notices;" on line 7 the*
2 *following:* to amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of
3 Georgia Annotated, relating to public water systems, so as to provide for metering and
4 separate charging of water to tenants;

5 *By inserting after Section 1 the following:*

SECTION 1A.

7 Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public water systems,
8 is amended in Code Section 12-5-180.1, relating to allocating water and waste-water usage
9 among tenants, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(c) Subsection (a) of this Code section notwithstanding, the owner or operator of a newly
11 constructed building or structure, not including a renovated building, permitted after
12 January 1, 2010, containing residential units shall install equipment to measure the quantity
13 of water provided to each tenant; and the owner or operator of such a building shall charge
14 tenants separately for water service based on actual use per unit, prorated for common use
15 areas. The total charges to the tenants of such a building shall not exceed the total charges
16 paid by the owner or operator for water service for such building plus a reasonable fee for
17 establishing, servicing, and billing for water service; the terms of the charges shall be
18 disclosed to tenants prior to any contractual agreement. This subsection shall not apply to
19 any construction of a building containing residential units the contract for which was
20 entered into prior to January 1, 2010."