

House Bill 332 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 46-5-167 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Universal Access Fund, so as to provide requirements for showing contributions on
3 customers' bills; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 46-5-167 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Universal
8 Access Fund, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

9 "(g) A local exchange company or other company shall not establish a surcharge on
10 customers' bills to collect ~~from customers'~~ contributions required under this Code section
11 without first submitting to the Public Service Commission the methodology and data used
12 by such company for approval by the commission and upon a showing to the commission
13 that the surcharge does not result in an increase in the company's service rates; provided,
14 however, that such company shall not be required to submit for approval separate line items
15 or surcharges that are specifically authorized or required by federal law or other provisions
16 of state law."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective January 1, 2013.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.