

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to SB 404:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to public water systems, so as to prohibit county, municipal, and other  
3 public water systems from charging or assessing a separate fee for water service for fire  
4 sprinkler protection systems; to provide for a purpose; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to public water systems, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
10 follows:

11 "12-5-180.2.

12 (a) The purpose of this Code section is to encourage the use of fire sprinkler protection  
13 systems.

14 (b) No county, municipal, or other public water system shall charge or assess a separate  
15 fee for water service for fire sprinkler protection systems for more than the costs to provide  
16 such service."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.