

House Bill 1307

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and
2 safety, so as to revise the "Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act" to require an excavator
3 that strikes or damages a utility facility that carries gas or hazardous liquid to alert
4 emergency services; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is
9 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "25-9-8.1.

11 The excavator shall make an emergency 9-1-1 call to alert emergency services upon
12 striking or damaging a utility facility that carries:

13 (1) Gas as defined in 49 C.F.R. Parts 192 and 193; or

14 (2) Hazardous liquid as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 195."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
17 without such approval.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.