

House Bill 769

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 consumers' utility counsel division, so as to provide that, until such time as the division is  
3 appropriately funded, it shall not be necessary to file copies of filings with the Public Service  
4 Commission with the division; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the consumers'  
9 utility counsel division, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 46-10-5,  
10 relating to service of notice on director and authority of director to take depositions and  
11 obtain discovery, to read as follows:

12 "(c) Until such time as the General Assembly specifically appropriates funds in an  
13 appropriations Act for the consumers' utility counsel division and such funds are available  
14 for expenditure, the filings required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be  
15 required and shall not be made."

16 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.