

House Bill 150 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Hatchett of the 150th, Kelley of the 16th, Frazier of the 126th, Parsons of the 44th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and
2 public transportation, so as to prohibit governmental entities from adopting any policy that
3 prohibits the connection or reconnection of any utility service based upon the type or source
4 of energy or fuel; to provide for related matters; 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 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public
9 transportation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read follows:

10 "46-1-6.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Governmental entity' means any:

13 (A) Municipality, public corporation, political subdivision, instrumentality, body
14 politic, authority, district, consolidated government, county, or any board, commission,
15 agency, department, or board of any such entity;

16 (B) State board, commission, agency, department, or board; or

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17 (C) Other form of government.

18 (2) 'Policy' means an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, or any other requirement
19 imposed by a governmental entity.

20 (b) No governmental entity of this state shall adopt any policy that prohibits, or has the
21 effect of prohibiting, based on the type or source of energy or fuel to be delivered:

22 (1) The connection or reconnection of a customer to an electric utility, gas company, or
23 natural, manufactured, or liquefied petroleum gas service; or

24 (2) Sales of liquid petroleum gas directly to a consumer by a retail establishment.

25 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall limit the ability of a governmental entity to choose
26 utility services for properties owned by such governmental entity."

27 **SECTION 2.**

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

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.