

House Bill 650

By: Representatives Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996  
2 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to provide for public safety access assessments;  
3 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996  
7 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Section 1-102  
8 by striking the period at the end of paragraph (61) and inserting in lieu thereof "; and" and  
9 inserting a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(62) For the protection of public health, welfare, and convenience of the city, and for  
11 the adequate provision of police, fire, and other emergency services, to fix and collect a  
12 public safety access assessment within the city. The collection of such public safety  
13 access assessment due the city shall be enforced by ordinance or resolution in the same  
14 manner as authorized by law for the enforcement of the collection and payment of state  
15 taxes, fees, or assessments. The public safety access assessment shall be deemed an  
16 additional source of municipal funding under subsection (j) of Code Section 46-5-134 of  
17 the O.C.G.A. and shall be expended by the city for the purposes of Part 4 of Article 2 of  
18 Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A. The amount of the public safety access assessment  
19 shall be recommended annually by the city's chief financial officer, subject to the  
20 approval of the city council, to provide sufficient revenue for operation of the city's 9-1-1  
21 communications section. In no event shall the total public safety access assessment,  
22 combined with the funds received by the city under Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of  
23 Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., exceed the total reserve, capital, and operating costs of the city's  
24 9-1-1 communications section."

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**SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.