The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment offered 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 standby water service for 4 fire sprinkler system connections; to provide for a purpose; to provide for related matters; to 5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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 "<u>12-5-180.2.</u>

- 12 (a) The purpose of this Code section is to encourage the use of fire sprinkler systems.
- 13 (b) No county, municipal, or other public water system shall charge or assess a separate

SECTION 2.

14 <u>fee for standby water service for fire sprinkler system connections.</u>"

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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