

Senate Bill 424

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Hill of the 6th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**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 the rebate of excess public safety  
3 access assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "(62) For the protection of public health, welfare, and convenience of the city, and for  
12 the adequate provision of police, fire, and other emergency services, to fix and collect a  
13 public safety access assessment within the city. The collection of such public safety  
14 access assessment due the city shall be enforced by ordinance or resolution in the same  
15 manner as authorized by law for the enforcement of the collection and payment of state  
16 taxes, fees, or assessments. The public safety access assessment shall be deemed an  
17 additional source of municipal funding under subsection (j) of Code Section 46-5-134 of  
18 the O.C.G.A. and shall be expended by the city for the purposes of Part 4 of Article 2 of  
19 Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A. The amount of the public safety access assessment  
20 shall be recommended annually by the city's chief financial officer, subject to the  
21 approval of the city council, to provide sufficient revenue for operation of the city's 9-1-1  
22 communications section. In no event shall the total public safety access assessment,  
23 combined with the funds received by the city under Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of  
24 Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., exceed the total reserve, capital, and operating costs of the city's  
25 9-1-1 communications section. In the event that the amount of the public safety access  
26 assessment collected annually exceeds the amount needed for the total reserve, capital,

27 and operating costs of the city's 9-1-1 communications section, the city shall return the  
28 excess funds to the taxpayers on a pro rata basis by giving such taxpayers a credit against  
29 the next year's public safety access assessment equal to the amount of the excess."

30 **SECTION 2.**

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