

House Bill 1803

By: Representative Franklin of the 39<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to change the  
3 criminal penalty for false reports of crimes; to provide an effective date; to provide for  
4 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 obstruction of public administration and related offenses, is amended by striking Code  
9 Section 16-10-26, relating to the offense of false report of a crime, and inserting in its place  
10 a new Code Section 16-10-26 to read as follows:

11 "16-10-26.

12 A person who willfully and knowingly gives or causes a false report of a crime to be given  
13 to any law enforcement officer or agency of this state ~~is guilty of a misdemeanor~~ shall,  
14 upon conviction thereof, be punished by the maximum fine or term of imprisonment, or  
15 both, of the alleged offense with respect to which such false report was made."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2002, and shall apply to offenses of false reports  
18 of crimes committed on or after July 1, 2002.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.