

Senate Bill 22

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Code Section 16-10-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tampering with evidence, so as to increase the penalties for such crime; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 16-10-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tampering with evidence, is amended by striking subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) Any Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section involving the prosecution or defense of a felony shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years. Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section by knowingly destroying, altering, concealing, or disguising a firearm or who violates subsection (a) of this Code section involving the prosecution or defense of a felony punishable by imprisonment for 20 or more years or life imprisonment shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section involving the prosecution or defense of a misdemeanor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.