

House Bill 631

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 when public disclosure shall not be required under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, so as
3 to exempt disclosure of photographs of dead bodies of homicide victims absent a release
4 from the deceased's heirs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public
9 disclosure shall not be required under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, is amended by
10 striking paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(2) Medical or veterinary records and similar files, the disclosure of which would be an
12 invasion of personal privacy; For purposes of this subsection, photographs of bodies of
13 homicide victims taken as part of a closed law enforcement investigation of the homicide are
14 exempt from disclosure unless the photographs are specifically released by the deceased's
15 heirs at law. The party requesting the photographs shall have the duty of securing a release
16 from the deceased's heirs at law;"

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.