

Senate Bill 22

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Lee of the 29th and Kemp of the 3rd

AS PASSED

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 and involving another person shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than three years; provided, however, that any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section involving the prosecution or defense of a serious violent felony as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 17-10-6.1 and involving another person 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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.