

House Bill 183

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 offenses against public health and morals, so as to expand the exception to the misdemeanor
3 of tattooing near the eye when performed by an osteopath or a technician under the
4 supervision of a licensed physician or osteopath; to provide for related matters; to provide
5 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against
9 public health and morals, is amended by striking Code Section 16-12-5, relating to tattooing
10 any person near his or her eye, in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

11 "16-12-5.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'tattoo' means to mark or color the skin of any
13 person by pricking in, inserting, or implanting pigments, ~~except when performed by a~~
14 ~~physician licensed as such pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 43.~~

15 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, except a physician or osteopath licensed under
16 Chapter 34 of Title 43 or a technician acting under the general supervision of such licensed
17 physician or osteopath, to tattoo the body of any person within any area within one inch of
18 the nearest part of the eye socket of such person. Any person who violates this Code
19 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
22 without such approval.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.