

House Bill 778

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-12-120, relating to certain acts in public transit buses, rapid rail  
2 cars, or stations and penalty, so as to provide that a person may consume and possess bottled  
3 water in a public transit bus, rapid rail car, or rapid rail station; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-12-120, relating to certain acts in public transit buses, rapid rail cars, or  
8 stations and penalty, is amended by striking paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and inserting in  
9 its place the following:

10 "(4) Consumes food or beverage or possesses any open food or beverage container,  
11 provided that this paragraph shall not apply to resealable bottled water beverages, to an  
12 operator of a public transit bus at an authorized layover point, or to a person providing  
13 food or beverage to any child under age five;"

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.