

House Bill 1609

By: Representatives Skipper of the 116th, Hanner of the 133rd, Porter of the 119th, Smith of the 129th, Post 2, Mosley of the 129th, Post 1, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to state government, so as to authorize the display of the Ten
3 Commandments of Jewish tradition as a part of a display of historical documents in public
4 offices and schools; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions relative to state government, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
9 following:

10 "50-1-8.

11 Every state agency and authority, every political subdivision of the state, and every local
12 board of education may include the Ten Commandments of Jewish tradition taken from any
13 version of Jewish or Christian scriptures as a part of a display of documents of established
14 historical importance to the culture and laws of our state, including, without limitation, the
15 Declaration of Independence, the Code of Hammurabi, the federal and state constitutions,
16 the Magna Carta, and the Mayflower Compact."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.