

House Bill 187

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-10-24.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 obstructing or hindering persons making emergency telephone calls, so as to provide that  
3 commission of such an offense involving violence to the person of another shall constitute  
4 a felony; 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 16-10-24.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstructing  
8 or hindering persons making emergency telephone calls, is amended by striking said Code  
9 section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "16-10-24.3.

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, any ~~Any~~ person  
12 who ~~verbally or physically~~ knowingly and willfully obstructs, prevents, or hinders another  
13 person ~~with intent to cause or allow physical harm or injury to another person~~ from making  
14 or completing a 911 telephone call or a call to any law enforcement agency to request  
15 police protection or to report the commission of a crime is guilty of a misdemeanor and  
16 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or  
17 imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both.

18 (b) Whoever knowingly and willfully obstructs, prevents, or hinders another person from  
19 making or completing a 911 telephone call or a call to any law enforcement agency to  
20 request police protection or to report the commission of a crime by offering or doing  
21 violence to the person attempting to make such a call is guilty of a felony and shall, upon  
22 conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five  
23 years."

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

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.