

House Bill 188

By: Representatives Burmeister of the 119th and Rynders of the 152nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes
2 against the person, so as to require that the photograph of a person who is convicted of
3 certain crimes for which such person is required to register as a sexual offender shall be
4 published in the legal organ of the county in which such person was convicted; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against
9 the person, is amended by adding a new Article 9 to read as follows:

10 "ARTICLE 9

11 16-5-110.

12 (a) The clerk of the court in which a person is convicted of a crime for which such person
13 is required to register under Code Section 42-1-12 shall cause to be published a notice of
14 conviction for such person. Such notice of conviction shall be published in the manner of
15 legal notices in the legal organ of the county in which such person resides or, in the case
16 of nonresidents, in the legal organ of the county in which the person was convicted. Such
17 notice of conviction shall be one column wide by two inches long and shall contain the
18 photograph taken by the arresting law enforcement agency at the time of arrest, the name
19 and address of the convicted person, and the date, time, place of arrest, and disposition of
20 the case and shall be published once in the legal organ of the appropriate county in the
21 second week following such conviction or as soon thereafter as publication may be made.
22 (b) The convicted person for which a notice of conviction is published pursuant to
23 subsection (a) of this Code section shall be assessed \$25.00 for the cost of publication of

1 such notice, and such assessment shall be imposed at the time of conviction in addition to
2 any other fine imposed.

3 (c) The clerk of the court, the publisher of any legal organ which publishes a notice of
4 conviction, and any other person involved in the publication of an erroneous notice of
5 conviction shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for such erroneous publication,
6 provided that such publication was made in good faith."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.