

House Bill 1031

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual  
2 offenses, so as to provide for gender neutrality with regard to the offense of incest; to change  
3 certain provisions relating to sodomy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses,  
8 is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 16-6-22, relating to incest, and inserting  
9 in lieu thereof the following:

10 "16-6-22.

11 (a) A person commits the offense of incest when ~~he~~ the person engages in sexual  
12 intercourse or sodomy with a person to whom he or she knows he or she is related either  
13 by blood or by marriage as follows:

14 (1) Father and ~~daughter or stepdaughter~~ child or stepchild;

15 (2) Mother and ~~son or stepson~~ child or stepchild;

16 (3) Brother and sister of the whole blood or of the half blood;

17 (4) Grandparent and grandchild;

18 (5) Aunt and niece or nephew; or

19 (6) Uncle and niece or nephew.

20 (b) A person convicted of the offense of incest shall be punished by imprisonment for not  
21 less than one nor more than 20 years."

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

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.