

Senate Bill 54

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Carter of the 13th and Hamrick of the 30th

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 provide  
3 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses,  
7 is amended in Code Section 16-6-22, relating to incest, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

8 "(a) A person commits the offense of incest when ~~the~~ such person engages in sexual  
9 intercourse or sodomy, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-6-2, with a person ~~to~~  
10 whom he or she knows he or she is related to either by blood or by marriage as follows:

- 11 (1) Father and ~~daughter or stepdaughter~~ child or stepchild;
- 12 (2) Mother and ~~son or stepson~~ child or stepchild;
- 13 (3) Sibling ~~Brother and sister~~ of the whole blood or of the half blood;
- 14 (4) Grandparent and grandchild;
- 15 (5) Aunt and niece or nephew; or
- 16 (6) Uncle and niece or nephew."

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

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.