

House Bill 180

By: Representative Everson of the 106<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 offenses against public health and morals, so as to change certain provisions relating to  
3 tattooing; to provide for tattooing near the eye under certain circumstances; to provide for  
4 an effective date; 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 Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against  
8 public health and morals, is amended by revising Code Section 16-12-5, relating to tattooing  
9 any person near his or her eye, as follows:

10 "16-12-5.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'tattoo' means to mark or color the skin of any  
12 person by pricking in, inserting, or implanting pigments, except when performed by a  
13 physician licensed as such pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 43.

14 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person except a physician or a technician under the direct  
15 supervision of a physician in the State of Georgia and where the primary practice location  
16 of such physician is within the State of Georgia to tattoo the body of any person within any  
17 area within one inch of the nearest part of the eye socket of such person. Any person who  
18 violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
21 without such approval.

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.