

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to HB 71:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 manufacturing, selling, or distributing false identification documents, so as to remove a
3 defense to a charge of manufacturing, selling, or distributing false identification documents;
4 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 16-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to manufacturing,
8 selling, or distributing false identification documents, is amended by revising subsection (g)
9 as follows:
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11 "(g) It shall not be a defense to a violation of this Code section that a false, fictitious,
12 fraudulent, or altered identification document contained words indicating that it is not an
13 identification document ~~unless there appears on the front and back of such document the~~
14 ~~word 'novelty' which is in a color which is not transparent on the design of the document,~~
15 ~~is in block letters not less than 40 point type in size, and is indelible ink."~~

SECTION 2.

16 This Act shall become effective on October 1, 2009, and shall apply to offenses committed
17 on or after such date.
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SECTION 3.

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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