

Senate Bill 343

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Hudgens of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 49th, Powell of the 23rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to clarify that the  
3 crime of impersonating an officer includes firefighters and public safety personnel; to  
4 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:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 obstruction of public administration and related offenses, is amended by revising Code  
10 Section 16-10-23, relating to impersonating a public officer or employee, as follows:

11 "16-10-23.

12 A person who falsely holds himself or herself out as a peace officer, firefighter, including  
13 a volunteer firefighter, public safety official, or other public officer or employee with intent  
14 to mislead another into believing that he or she is actually such officer commits the offense  
15 of impersonating an officer and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not  
16 more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or  
17 both."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and shall apply to all offenses committed  
20 on or after such date.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.