

The House Committee on Judiciary Non-civil offers the following substitute to HB180:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-12-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 tattooing, so as to provide for tattooing near the eye under certain circumstances; to amend  
3 Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tattoo studios,  
4 so as to repeal Code Section 31-40-10, relating to criminal laws not repealed; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-12-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tattooing, is  
9 amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

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

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tattoo studios,  
17 is amended by repealing Code Section 31-40-10, relating to criminal laws not repealed.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.