

Senate Bill 225

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Bethel of the 54th, Crosby of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th, McKoon of the 29th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

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 criminal offenses, so as to provide
3 for a new offense of transmitting a false report of a crime; to provide for a penalty; to provide
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting
5 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 criminal offenses, is amended by adding a
10 new Code section to read as follows:

11 "16-10-26.1.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'serious violent felony' shall have the same
13 meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-10-6.1.

14 (b) A person who knowingly and intentionally transmits a false claim by means of a
15 written, electronic, or other transmission, through any medium, stating that he or she has
16 committed a serious violent felony and the false claim is reasonably intended to cause a law
17 enforcement agency or official to initiate an investigation to determine whether such
18 serious violent felony has been committed by such person shall be guilty of the
19 misdemeanor offense of transmitting a false report of a crime."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012, and shall apply to offenses committed on
22 or after such date.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.