

Senate Bill 517

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th and Paris of the 26th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to health, so as to provide that the act of a mother
3 breast-feeding her child shall not be considered lewd, lascivious, indecent, or unlawful
4 conduct; to provide that no person or entity shall cause a breast-feeding mother to leave a
5 place because of such activity; to provide a penalty; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-1-9, relating
10 to breast-feeding of baby, as follows:

11 "31-1-9.

12 (a) The breast-feeding of a baby is an important and basic act of nurture which should be
13 encouraged in the interests of maternal and child health. A mother may breast-feed her
14 baby in any location where the mother and baby are otherwise authorized to be.

15 (b) The act of a mother breast-feeding her child, and any exposure of a breast associated
16 with such breast-feeding, shall not be considered lewd, lascivious, indecent, or unlawful
17 conduct.

18 (c) No person or entity, including, without limitation, a governmental entity, shall:

19 (1) Restrict, harass, or penalize a mother who is breast-feeding her child;

20 (2) Require a mother to leave the premises where she is otherwise entitled to be while
21 breast-feeding; or

22 (3) Require a breast-feeding mother to leave a location on the premises where she is
23 otherwise entitled to be.

24 (d) Any person violating subsection (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a
25 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300.00."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.