

House Bill 656

By: Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 79th,
Williamson of the 115th, Welch of the 110th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to torts, so as to establish liability for damages caused by pouring
3 gasoline onto a fire; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
7 provisions relative to torts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

8 "51-1-23.1.

9 Any person who pours, transfers, throws, or places gasoline, whether in a container or not,
10 onto a fire or who ignites or reignites a fire by pouring, transferring, throwing, or placing
11 gasoline, whether in a container or not, onto a fire shall be deemed to have assumed the risk
12 of any injuries or damage to persons or property resulting therefrom and shall be liable for
13 such injuries or damage."

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.