

House Bill 1021

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Jacobs of the 80th, Hitchens of the 161st, Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th, 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 provide for the
3 criminal offenses of resisting, obstructing, hindering, or opposing a code enforcement officer;
4 to provide for a penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 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 16-10-24, relating to obstructing or hindering law enforcement officers, as follows:

11 "16-10-24.

12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person who
13 knowingly and willfully obstructs or hinders any law or code enforcement officer in the
14 lawful discharge of his or her official duties is guilty of a misdemeanor.

15 (b) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes any law enforcement
16 officer, code enforcement officer, prison guard, correctional officer, probation supervisor,
17 parole supervisor, or conservation ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties
18 by offering or doing violence to the person of such officer or legally authorized person is
19 guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not
20 less than one nor more than five years.

21 (c) As used in this Code section, the term 'code enforcement officer' means any person
22 contracted with or employed by this state or a county or municipality of this state who has
23 enforcement authority by law for health, safety, welfare, or zoning requirements and is
24 authorized to issue citations or file formal complaints regarding the same."

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.