

The House Committee on Regulated Industries offers the following substitute to HB 654:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 tattoo studios, so as to require such studios to post notification that certain tattoos could
3 disqualify the wearer from military service; to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide an
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tattoo studios,
8 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "31-40-11.

10 (a) Each tattoo studio shall conspicuously display in a prominent place easily seen by
11 patrons immediately upon entering the tattoo studio a printed warning sign stating the
12 following: 'WARNING: YOU WILL LIKELY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JOINING
13 THE MILITARY IF YOU HAVE A TATTOO ON YOUR FACE, NECK, FOREARM,
14 HAND, WRIST, OR LOWER LEG.' Such sign shall consist entirely of letters that are at
15 least one inch high.

16 (b) Any tattoo studio that fails to comply with subsection (a) of this Code section shall
17 receive a warning for a first offense, pay a \$25.00 fine for a second offense, pay a \$75.00
18 fine for a third offense, and pay a \$300.00 fine for a fourth or subsequent offense. Any
19 finest paid pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the county board of health in the
20 county in which such tattoo studio is located.

21 (c) Pursuant to Code Section 31-40-5, county boards of health shall adopt and promulgate
22 rules and regulations for the enforcement of this Code section."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2016.

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.