

House Bill 500

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to arson and explosives, so as to provide for the offense of arson of a law  
3 enforcement vehicle; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official  
4 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails,  
5 and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to  
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arson  
10 and explosives is amended by adding a new Code section, to read as follows:

11 "16-7-60.1.

12 (a) A person commits the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle when, by means  
13 of fire or explosive, he or she knowingly damages or knowingly causes, aids, abets,  
14 advises, encourages, hires, counsels, or procures another to damage a law enforcement  
15 vehicle.

16 (b) A person convicted of the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle shall be  
17 punished by a fine of not more than \$100,000.00 or by imprisonment for not less than five  
18 years nor more than 20 years, or both."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses  
21 bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, is amended by adding a new  
22 paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

23 "11.1 Arson of a law enforcement vehicle under Code Section 16-7-60.1."

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.