

House Bill 654 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Jordan of the 77th, Stovall of the 74th, Waites of the 60th, Anderson of the 92nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"31-40-11.

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

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

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

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2016.

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SECTION 3.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.