

House Bill 242

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-34.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 disorderly or disruptive conduct at any funeral or memorial service, so as to include religious  
3 worship and observance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-11-34.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disorderly  
8 or disruptive conduct at any funeral or memorial service, is amended by revising subsection  
9 (a) and the introductory language of subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(a) The General Assembly declares that the interest of persons in planning, participating  
11 in, and attending a religious worship or observance or a funeral or memorial service for a  
12 deceased relative or loved one without unwanted impediment, disruption, disturbance, or  
13 interference is a substantial interest and the General Assembly further recognizes the need  
14 to impose content neutral time, place, and manner restrictions on unwanted acts carried out  
15 with the intent to impede, disrupt, disturb, or interfere with such ~~funeral~~ worship,  
16 observance, funeral, or memorial service.

17 (b) It shall be unlawful to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct with the intent  
18 to impede, disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the orderly conduct of any religious worship  
19 or observance or a funeral or memorial service or with the normal activities and functions  
20 carried on in the facilities or buildings where such ~~funeral~~ worship, observance, funeral,  
21 or memorial service is taking place. Any or all of the following shall constitute such  
22 disorderly or disruptive conduct:"

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**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.