

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 443:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to offenses against public order, so as to provide for the offense of obstructing
3 highways or streets; to provide for punishment; to authorize civil liability for damages; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 offenses against public order, is amended by revising Code Section 16-11-43, relating to
9 obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages, as follows:

10 "16-11-43.

11 A person who, without authority of law, purposely or recklessly obstructs any highway; or
12 ~~street, sidewalk, or other public passage~~ in such a way as to render it impassable without
13 unreasonable inconvenience or hazard and fails or refuses to remove the obstruction after
14 receiving a reasonable official request or the order of a peace officer that he or she do so,
15 is guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor. In addition to any other fine, penalty, or

16 restitution which may be imposed by law, such person may be held civilly liable for
17 damages that results from an offense of this Code section."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.