

Senate Bill 547

By: Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Bearden of the 30th, Williams of the 25th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to modify the penalties  
3 for the offenses of pimping and pandering; to provide that all such offenses shall be  
4 punishable as felony offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and  
5 for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for  
9 violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
10 follows:

11 ~~"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a A person~~  
12 convicted of violating:

13 (1) Code Section 16-6-10 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and  
14 aggravated nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of any term of  
15 imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated;

16 (2) Code Section 16-6-9 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor;

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17 (3) Code Section 16-6-11 for a:

18 ~~(A) First offense shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated~~  
19 ~~nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 72 hours of any term of~~  
20 ~~imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated; and~~

21 ~~(B) Second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by~~  
22 ~~a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years; or~~

23 (4) Code Section 16-6-12 for a:

24 ~~(A) First offense shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated~~  
25 ~~nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 72 hours of any term of~~  
26 ~~imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated; and~~

27 ~~(B) Second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by~~  
28 ~~a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years."~~

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all offenses committed  
31 on or after such date.

32 **SECTION 3.**

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