

Senate Bill 570

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th and Gooch of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 simple assault, so as to articulate the intent required for certain offenses of simple assault;
3 to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-5-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to simple assault,
8 is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a) A person commits the offense of simple assault when he or she either:

10 (1) Attempts to commit a violent injury to the person of another; or

11 (2) With the intent either to inflict injury upon or arouse the apprehension of another
12 person commits ~~Commits~~ an act which places ~~another~~ such person in reasonable
13 apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
16 without such approval and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.