

House Bill 1337

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Greene of the 151st, Hopson of the 153rd, Moore of the 90th, and Jackson of the 128th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to homicide, so as to provide for the offense of murder of minors and elderly
3 persons; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide
4 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 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 homicide, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "16-5-1.1.

10 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as 'Nigel's Law.'

11 (b) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Elder person' means a person 65 years of age or older.

13 (2) 'Minor' means any individual who is under the age of 17 years who is alleged to have
14 committed a delinquent act or any individual under the age of 18 years.

15 (c) A person commits the offense of murder when, in the commission of a felony, he or
16 she causes the death of a minor or elder person irrespective of malice.

17 (d) A person convicted of the offense of murder shall be punished by imprisonment for life
18 without parole or by imprisonment for life."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.