

House Bill 24

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
2 flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for the placement of a digital monument within  
3 the state capitol building or upon the capitol grounds to memorialize the Georgians who have  
4 died from COVID-19; to provide for a short title; to provide for family members to submit  
5 names to be included on such digital monument; to provide for retention and confidentiality  
6 of such documents; to provide for private funding of such digital monument; to provide for  
7 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal,  
11 and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE 8

13 50-3-130.

14 This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Remember My Life Act.'

15 50-3-131.

16 (a) Subject to the availability of funds, there shall be placed within the capitol building or  
17 grounds a digital monument that displays a scrolling list of names of the Georgians whose  
18 deaths have been attributed to COVID-19.

19 (b)(1) Such digital monument shall be designed, procured, placed, and maintained by the  
20 Capitol Art Standards Commission, subject to final approval by a digital monument  
21 committee composed of the following members of the General Assembly:

22 (A) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
23 House of Representatives;

24 (B) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

25 (C) One member from each house of the General Assembly appointed by the  
26 Governor.

27 (2) The digital monument committee established pursuant to this subsection shall stand  
28 abolished upon placement of such monument.

29 (c) Family members shall submit to the Capitol Art Standards Commission the name of  
30 the individual to be included on the digital monument. Such submission shall be  
31 accompanied by an averment as to cause of such individual's death. The Capitol Art  
32 Standards Commission shall retain and protect such records in accordance with state and  
33 federal laws on the privacy and confidentiality of such records.

34 (d) No public funds shall be expended for the design or procurement of such digital  
35 monument. Gifts and donations from private individuals, organizations, or foundations

36 shall be accepted and expended by the Capitol Art Standards Commission to carry out the  
37 requirements of this Code section.

38 (e) Such digital monument shall be procured and placed as soon as practicable but not  
39 before the state has been granted any intellectual property license necessary for purposes  
40 of this Code section."

41 **SECTION 2.**

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