

House Bill 931

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Dreyer of the 59th, Shannon of the 84th, Drenner of the 85th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 voluntary manslaughter, so as to exclude the discovery or disclosure of an individual's sexual
3 orientation or gender identity as being serious provocation in the context of voluntary
4 manslaughter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-5-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to voluntary
9 manslaughter, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) A person commits the offense of voluntary manslaughter when ~~he~~ such person causes
11 the death of another human being under circumstances which would otherwise be murder
12 and if ~~he~~ such person acts solely as the result of a sudden, violent, and irresistible passion
13 resulting from serious provocation sufficient to excite such passion in a reasonable person;
14 however, if there should have been an interval between the provocation and the killing
15 sufficient for the voice of reason and humanity to be heard, of which the jury in all cases
16 shall be the judge, the killing shall be attributed to deliberate revenge and be punished as
17 murder. As used in this subsection, the term 'serious provocation' shall not include the
18 discovery or disclosure of an alleged victim's sexual orientation or gender identity."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.