

House Bill 133

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to provide that November 22 shall be designated "Kimchi
3 Day" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; 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 The General Assembly finds that:

- 8 (1) Korea is the country of origin of kimchi;
- 9 (2) In 2013, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
10 officially recognized Korea's traditional process of preparation and preservation of kimchi
11 known as "kimjang" as an "Intangible Cultural Heritage item";
- 12 (3) Kimchi is an excellent source of probiotics, folate, beta-carotene, choline, potassium,
13 calcium, and vitamins A, C, and K. Many of these nutrients can contribute to lower rates
14 of stroke, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, and to increased immunity;
- 15 (4) There has been a 222 percent increase in food products launched between 2014
16 and 2018 with "Korea" or "Korean" in the product name. Korean cuisine has grown on

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17 food menus in the United States since 2014, which can be attributed to the fact that
18 Korean cuisine has been adopted in American and Mexican cuisine as kimchi is used as
19 an alternative to slaws, pickles, and sauerkraut; and
20 (5) In South Korea, November 22 is celebrated annually as "Kimchi Day."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
23 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

24 "1-4-26.

25 November 22 of each year is designated as 'Kimchi Day' in Georgia."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.