

House Bill 281

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to increase the penalty  
3 provisions relating to pimping and pandering; 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 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for  
8 violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, is amended by revising subsection (a) and  
9 paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person  
11 convicted of violating:

12 (1) Code Section 16-6-10 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and  
13 aggravated nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of any term of  
14 imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated;

15 (2) Code Section 16-6-9 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor;

16 (3) Code Section 16-6-11 shall be ~~punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and~~  
17 ~~aggravated nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of any term of~~  
18 ~~imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated~~ guilty of a felony and shall  
19 be punished by a term of imprisonment of not less than one nor more than ten years; or

20 (4) Code Section 16-6-12 shall be punished for a first offense as for a misdemeanor of  
21 a high and aggravated nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of  
22 any term of imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated; provided,  
23 however, that upon a second or subsequent conviction for such offense, he or she shall  
24 be guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than  
25 ten years."

26 "(2) A person convicted of any of the offenses enumerated in Code Sections 16-6-10  
27 through 16-6-12 when such offense involves the conduct of a person under the age of 16  
28 years shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of  
29 not less than ten nor more than 30 years; and a fine of not more than \$100,000.00, ~~or~~  
30 **both.**"

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.