House Bill 39  
By: Representatives Dickerson of the 113th, Hugley of the 136th, Stephenson of the 90th,  
Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Smith of the 125th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
relating to offenses against public order, so as to define certain terms; to provide that a  
person commits defamation when he or she causes an unknowing person wrongfully to be  
identified as the person in an obscene depiction; to provide for penalties; to repeal conflicting  
laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
offenses against public order, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-11-40.1.  
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Nudity' means a state of undress so as to expose the human male or female genitals,  
pubic area, or buttocks, with or without a translucent covering, or the showing of the  
female breasts, with or without a translucent covering, of any portion thereof below the  
top of the nipple.

(2) 'Obscene depiction' means a visual depiction of an individual displaying nudity or  
sexual conduct.

(3) 'Sexual conduct' means actual or simulated acts of masturbation, homosexuality,  
sexual intercourse, or physical contact in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or  
gratification with a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if such  
person is female, breasts.

(b) A person commits the offense of defamation if such person intentionally causes an  
unknowing person wrongfully to be identified as the person in an obscene depiction in such  
a manner that a reasonable person would conclude that the image depicted was that of the  
person so wrongfully identified. Such identification shall include, without limitation, a
person's name, address, telephone number, or e-mail address. Such identification shall also include the electronic imposing of the facial image of a person onto an obscene depiction.

(c) Any person convicted of violating subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.*

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.