

House Bill 303

By: Representatives McLaurin of the 51st, Kendrick of the 93rd, Boddie of the 62nd, Wilson of the 80th, Trammell of the 132nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to removal or alteration of identification from property, so as to remove
3 anachronistic terms; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; 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 Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 removal or alteration of identification from property, is amended by revising subsection (b)
9 of Code Section 16-9-70, relating to criminal use of an article with an altered identification
10 mark, as follows:

11 "(b) A person commits the offense of criminal use of an article with an altered
12 identification mark when he or she buys, sells, receives, disposes of, conceals, or has in his
13 or her possession a radio, piano, ~~phonograph~~, sewing machine, washing machine,
14 typewriter, ~~adding machine, comptometer~~, bicycle, firearm, safe, vacuum cleaner,
15 ~~dictaphone~~, watch, watch movement, watch case, or any other mechanical or electrical
16 device, appliance, contrivance, material, vessel as defined in Code Section 52-7-3, or other
17 piece of apparatus or equipment, other than a motor vehicle as defined in Code
18 Section 40-1-1, from which he or she knows the manufacturer's name plate, serial number,
19 or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been removed for the
20 purpose of concealing or destroying the identity of such article."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.