

Senate Bill 528

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Rhett of the 33rd and Jones of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to arrest by private persons, so as to revise the grounds for arrest by private persons;
3 to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ahmaud Arbery Act."

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

9 Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 arrest by private persons, is amended by revising Code Section 17-4-60, relating to grounds
11 for arrest, as follows:

12 "17-4-60.

13 A private person may arrest an offender if the offense is:

14 (1) Is committed in his or her presence or within his or her immediate knowledge.~~If the~~
15 ~~offense is a felony and the offender is escaping or attempting to escape, a private person~~
16 ~~may arrest him upon reasonable and probable grounds of suspicion; and~~

17 (2) Involves the use or threat of physical force or violence."

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

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.