



Evelyn Champagne King performs during the ABMAs.



The Whispers, with Skip Martin, center, display their Living Legend awards at the American Black Music Awards.

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The Black Music Association of America produces the ABMAs, now in its second year, to celebrate the past, present and future of positive African-American music and the best in local talent.

Pants

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Atlanta would not be the first city to ban saggy pants. Earlier this year, the town council in Delcambre, La., passed an ordinance that carries a fine as high as \$500 or six months in jail for exposing underwear in public. Several other Louisiana governments have followed suit in recent months.

A similar proposal in Stratford, Conn., was soundly rejected this week by officials after critics claimed it would be unconstitutional and unfairly target minorities.

The Atlanta measure will likely face another hearing before it comes to a vote, and some sponsors say it is already starting a debate that's long overdue in the city's schools, community centers and churches.

"If nothing else, it's a great part of a conversation we need to have," said council member Joyce Sheperd.

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