

House Bill 778

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 license to carry weapon and temporary renewal permit, so as to provide for training for  
3 certain persons licensed to carry a pistol or revolver; to provide 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 Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license to  
8 carry weapon and temporary renewal permit, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
9 follows:

10 "(a)(1) **Application for weapons carry license or renewal license; term.** The judge  
11 of the probate court of each county may, on application under oath and on payment of a  
12 fee of \$30.00, issue a weapons carry license or renewal license valid for a period of five  
13 years to any person whose domicile is in that county or who is on active duty with the  
14 United States armed forces and who is not a domiciliary of this state but who either  
15 resides in that county or on a military reservation located in whole or in part in that  
16 county at the time of such application. Such license or renewal license shall authorize  
17 that person to carry any weapon in any county of this state notwithstanding any change  
18 in that person's county of residence or state of domicile. Applicants shall submit the  
19 application for a weapons carry license or renewal license to the judge of the probate  
20 court on forms prescribed and furnished free of charge to persons wishing to apply for  
21 the license or renewal license. An applicant who is not a United States citizen shall  
22 provide sufficient personal identifying data, including without limitation his or her place  
23 of birth and United States issued alien or admission number, as the Georgia Bureau of  
24 Investigation may prescribe by rule or regulation. An applicant who is in nonimmigrant  
25 status shall provide proof of his or her qualifications for an exception to the federal  
26 firearm prohibition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(y). Forms shall be designed to

27 elicit information from the applicant pertinent to his or her eligibility under this Code  
28 section, including citizenship, but shall not require data which is nonpertinent or  
29 irrelevant, such as serial numbers or other identification capable of being used as a de  
30 facto registration of firearms owned by the applicant. The Department of Public Safety  
31 shall furnish application forms and license forms required by this Code section. The  
32 forms shall be furnished to each judge of each probate court within this state at no cost.

33 (2) An applicant shall demonstrate completion of a firearms safety training course within  
34 three years prior to the date of the application for a license under this Code section. An  
35 applicant may satisfy such training requirement by:

36 (A) Submitting proof that he or she is a peace officer, as such term is defined in Code  
37 Section 35-8-2;

38 (B) Submitting proof that he or she is serving on active duty with the United States  
39 armed forces;

40 (C) Submitting proof that he or she is serving in the active reserve component of the  
41 United States armed forces or Georgia National Guard;

42 (D) Submitting proof that he or she is a firearms safety instructor certified by the  
43 National Rifle Association holding a rating as a personal protection instructor or pistol  
44 marksmanship instructor; or

45 (E) Submitting proof of having received basic firearms instruction provided by a law  
46 enforcement officer, a nationally recognized organization that promotes gun safety, or  
47 a licensed firearms dealer. Such instruction shall include instruction on the features of  
48 a handgun and a brief explanation of loading, firing, and unloading of the weapon;  
49 provided, however, that live firing shall not be required. Proof of such training shall  
50 be a notarized affidavit signed by the person providing the instruction with his or her  
51 address and position and an identifying number, such as a badge number or firearm  
52 dealer license number, or a certificate of training issued by a national organization that  
53 promotes gun safety."

54 **SECTION 2.**

55 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

56 **SECTION 3.**

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