

Senate Bill 135

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd,
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to prohibit all carrying of
3 weapons in government buildings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of
9 subsection (b) and subsection (e) of Code Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying weapons
10 in unauthorized locations, as follows:

11 ~~"(1) In a government building as a nonlicense holder;"~~

12 ~~"(e)(1) A license holder shall be authorized to carry a weapon in a government building~~
13 ~~when the government building is open for business and where ingress into such building~~
14 ~~is not restricted or screened by security personnel. A license holder who enters or~~
15 ~~attempts to enter a government building carrying a weapon where ingress is restricted or~~
16 ~~screened by security personnel shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if at least one member~~
17 ~~of such security personnel is certified as a peace officer pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35;~~
18 ~~provided, however, that a license holder who immediately exits such building or~~
19 ~~immediately leaves such location upon notification of his or her failure to clear security~~
20 ~~due to the carrying of a weapon shall not be guilty of violating this subsection or~~
21 ~~paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section. A person who is not a license holder~~
22 ~~and who attempts to enter a government building carrying a weapon shall be guilty of a~~
23 ~~misdemeanor.~~

24 ~~(2) Any license holder who violates subsection (b) of this Code section in a place of~~
25 ~~worship shall not be arrested but shall be fined not more than \$100.00. Any person who~~

26 is not a license holder who violates subsection (b) of this Code section in a place of
27 worship shall be punished as for a misdemeanor."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.