

Senate Bill 163

By: Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th and others

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 require the reporting of
3 weapons carry license and renewal license information to the Georgia Crime Information
4 Center for affiliation with certain records such that, for the safety of officers and citizens, law
5 enforcement officers may have foreknowledge of the possible presence of a firearm when
6 effecting a traffic stop or other investigative encounter; to provide for an exception; to amend
7 Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 Georgia Crime Information Center, to provide for restricted access to information; to provide
9 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

12 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
13 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising subsection (k) and
14 adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-11-129, relating to weapons carry license,
15 temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, as follows:

16 "(k) **Data base prohibition.** Except as provided for under subsection (k.1) of this Code
17 section, a ~~A~~ person or entity shall not create or maintain a multijurisdictional data base of
18 information regarding persons issued weapons carry licenses.

19 (k.1) **Providing weapons carry license information to the Georgia Crime Information**
20 **Center.** The judge of the probate court, upon issuance of a weapons carry license or a
21 renewal license, shall provide the Georgia Crime Information Center with the application
22 information of the issued weapons carry license or renewal license. The Georgia Crime
23 Information Center shall affiliate such information with matching records of persons within
24 motor vehicle and driver's license data bases maintained by the center such that such
25 persons are designated as weapons carry license holders in such data bases."

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

27 Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
28 Georgia Crime Information Center, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
29 follows:

30 "35-3-37.1.

31 Information provided to the center pursuant to subsection (k.1) of Code Section 16-11-129
32 shall be available only to criminal justice agencies for law enforcement or criminal
33 investigative purposes."

34 **SECTION 3.**

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