

House Bill 218 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 having or carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapons, license requirement, and
3 exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions,
4 so as to expand weapons carry license reciprocity in this state; to provide that persons who
5 are not residents of this state shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state if licensed to
6 carry in any other state; to provide that the Attorney General shall enter into an agreement
7 with any state that requires an agreement to recognize and give effect to weapons carry
8 licenses for reciprocity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
9 other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to having or
13 carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapons, license requirement, and exceptions for
14 homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions, is amended by
15 revising subsection (e) as follows:

16 "(e)(1)(A) Any person licensed to carry a weapon in any other state ~~whose laws~~
17 ~~recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part~~ shall be authorized to
18 carry a weapon in this state, but only while the licensee is not a resident of this state;
19 provided, however, that:

20 (i) Such licensee licensed to carry a weapon in any other state shall carry the weapon
21 in compliance with the laws of this state; and

22 (ii) No other state shall be required to recognize and give effect to a license issued
23 pursuant to this part that is held by a person who is younger than 21 years of age.

24 (B)(i) The Attorney General shall create and maintain on the Department of Law's
25 website a list of states whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued
26 pursuant to this part.

27 (ii) The Attorney General shall enter into an agreement with any state that requires
28 an agreement to recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part.

29 (2) Any person who is not a weapons carry license holder in this state and who is
30 licensed to carry a weapon in any other state ~~whose laws recognize and give effect to a~~
31 ~~license issued pursuant to this part~~ shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state for
32 90 days after he or she becomes a resident of this state; provided, however, that such
33 person shall carry the weapon in compliance with the laws of this state, shall as soon as
34 practicable submit a weapons carry license application as provided for under Code
35 Section 16-11-129, and shall remain licensed in such other state for the duration of time
36 that he or she is a resident of this state but not a weapons carry license holder in this
37 state."

38 **SECTION 2.**

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