

Senate Bill 253

By: Senators Islam of the 7th, Parent of the 42nd, Esteves of the 6th, Merritt of the 9th and Orrock of the 36th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-172 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 transfers or purchases of firearms subject to the NICS, information concerning persons who  
3 have been involuntarily hospitalized to be forwarded to the FBI, penalties for breach of  
4 confidentiality, and exceptions, so as to prohibit the transfer or purchase of a firearm in  
5 proximity to a mental health care facility; to provide for a definition; to provide for related  
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 16-11-172 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfers or  
10 purchases of firearms subject to the NICS, information concerning persons who have been  
11 involuntarily hospitalized to be forwarded to the FBI, penalties for breach of confidentiality,  
12 and exceptions, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a)(1) All transfers or purchases of firearms conducted by a licensed importer, licensed  
14 manufacturer, or licensed dealer shall be subject to the NICS. To the extent possible, the  
15 center shall provide to the NICS all necessary criminal history information and wanted  
16 person records in order to complete an NICS check.

