

House Bill 1479

By: Representatives Harbin of the 113th, Stephens of the 150th and Rogers of the 20th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 operators of hotels, inns, and roadhouses, so as to provide that the keeper of a hotel, motel,
3 apartment hotel, boarding house, or inn shall provide certain basic security features for all
4 rooms within such hotel, motel, apartment hotel, boarding house, or inn; to provide for
5 penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operators of
9 hotels, inns, and roadhouses, is amended by adding a new Article 4 to read as follows:

10 "ARTICLE 4

11 43-21-80.

12 It shall be the duty of the owner and operator of every hotel, motel, apartment hotel,
13 boarding house, or inn to provide certain minimum security features for all rooms leased
14 or rented to guests at such hotel, motel, apartment hotel, boarding house, or inn. Such
15 minimum security features shall include:

16 (1) A functioning deadbolt lock for all doors from guest rooms which open into outside
17 corridors or hallways;

18 (2) A chain, bar, or similar device which, when engaged by the occupant of the room,
19 will not permit doors which open from the guest room to outside corridors or hallways
20 to open more than four inches; and

21 (3) A functioning deadbolt lock for all doors which connect to adjoining guest rooms.

1 43-21-81.

2 Any owner or operator of a hotel, motel, apartment hotel, boarding house, or inn that
3 violates Code Section 43-21-80 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.