

The House Committee on Public Safety offers the following substitute to SB 168:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 38 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operators of private detective and private security businesses, so as to provide arrest powers for certain private security guards; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 38 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operators of private detective and private security businesses, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 43-38-13, relating to arrest powers of persons licensed under such chapter, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"43-38-13.

Licensees or registrants under this chapter ~~shall have the same power of arrest as that granted to a private person by Code Section 17-4-60~~ who are employed to patrol, guard, or render a similar service on certain property shall be granted the authority and power to arrest for a violation of state law, the laws of the several states, and the laws of the United States when such violation, whether misdemeanor or felony, occurs in the presence of such person. Such person shall have such powers of arrest only upon the property such person is employed to patrol, guard, or render a similar service."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.