

Senate Bill 168

By: Senator Thomas of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "43-38-13.

11 Licensees or registrants under this chapter ~~shall have the same power of arrest as that~~  
12 ~~granted to a private person by Code Section 17-4-60~~ who are employed to patrol, guard,  
13 or render a similar service on certain property shall have such arrest power as provided in  
14 Code Section 17-4-60 only upon the property they are employed to patrol, guard, or render  
15 a similar service."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.