

House Bill 415

By: Representatives Snow of the 1st, Boggs of the 145th, Day of the 126th, Jenkins of the 93rd, Hill of the 81st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 sheriffs, so as to provide that engaging in specified businesses shall be a violation of a
3 sheriff's oath of office; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sheriffs, is
8 amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 15-16-4.1 to read
9 as follows:

10 "15-16-4.1.

11 Without limiting the generality of the oath set out in Code Section 15-16-4, it shall be a
12 violation of a sheriff's oath of office for any sheriff to engage either directly or indirectly
13 in a private security, private investigation, bail bonding, or wrecker towing business. As
14 used in this Code section 'engaging indirectly' in such a business shall include the
15 engagement in a prohibited business by the spouse or child of a sheriff."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.