

House Bill 499

By: Representative Joyce of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 licenses to carry a pistol or revolver and temporary renewal permit, so as to provide that a  
3 person serving as a law enforcement officer may obtain such a license without paying a fee;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses to  
8 carry a pistol or revolver and temporary renewal permit, is amended by striking in its entirety  
9 subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "*(h) Licenses for former law enforcement officers.* Except as otherwise provided in Code  
11 Section 16-11-130, any person who is currently serving as a law enforcement officer or  
12 who has served as a law enforcement officer for at least ten of the 12 years immediately  
13 preceding the retirement of such person as a law enforcement officer shall be entitled to be  
14 issued a license as provided for in this Code section without the payment of any of the fees  
15 provided for in this Code section. Such person must comply with all the other provisions  
16 of this Code section relative to the issuance of such licenses. Nothing in this subsection  
17 shall limit the authority of any law enforcement officer to carry a weapon as otherwise  
18 provided by law. As used in this subsection, the term 'law enforcement officer' means any  
19 peace officer who is employed by the United States government or by the State of Georgia  
20 or any political subdivision thereof and who is required by the terms of his or her  
21 employment, whether by election or appointment, to give his or her full time to the  
22 preservation of public order or the protection of life and property or the prevention of  
23 crime. Such term shall include conservation rangers."

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

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.