

Senate Bill 117

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Tanksley of the 32nd, Thompson of the 33rd, Lee of the 29th and Kemp of the 3rd

**AS PASSED SENATE**

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 **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 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.