

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

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**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 in the
14 county in which the sheriff has jurisdiction. As used in this Code section, 'engaging
15 indirectly' in such a business shall include the engagement in a prohibited business by the
16 spouse or an unemancipated child of a sheriff."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.