

House Bill 193

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to change certain provisions  
3 relating to carrying deadly weapons to or at public gatherings; to provide an effective date;  
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 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Code  
9 Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying deadly weapons at public gatherings, in its entirety  
10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) Except as provided in Code Section 16-11-127.1, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor  
12 when he or she carries to or while at a public gathering any explosive compound, firearm,  
13 or knife designed for the purpose of offense and defense; provided, however, that the  
14 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person who carries a firearm or knife to  
15 or while at an eating establishment that derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross  
16 food and beverage sales from the sale of prepared meals or food if such person is licensed  
17 to carry a pistol or revolver pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 16-11-129."

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

19 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
20 without such approval.

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.