

House Bill 323

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Neal of the 1st, Horne of the 71st, Hanner of the 148th,
and Stephens of the 164th

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 adding a new Code section immediately following Code Section 15-16-4.1 to
9 be designated Code Section 15-16-4.2 to read as follows:

10 "15-16-4.2.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'engaging indirectly' in such a business shall
12 include the engagement in a prohibited business by the spouse or an unemancipated child
13 of a sheriff.

14 (b) Without limiting the generality of the oath set out in Code Section 15-16-4, it shall be
15 a violation of a sheriff's oath of office for any sheriff to engage either directly or indirectly
16 in a private security, private investigation, bail bonding, or wrecker towing business in the
17 county in which the sheriff has jurisdiction."

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

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.