

House Bill 693

By: Representative Dean of the 59<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 disabled veterans and blind persons engaging in peddling, operating businesses, or practicing  
3 professions, so as to clarify the right of certain disabled veterans and blind persons to vend  
4 on the public streets, roadways, and highways of this state or any county or municipality  
5 thereof; to provide for an exemption from certain management regulations and fees; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 12 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disabled  
10 veterans and blind persons engaging in peddling, operating businesses, or practicing  
11 professions, is amended by striking Code Section 43-12-1, relating to exemptions from  
12 payment of occupation taxes, administrative fees, or regulatory fees, and inserting in its place  
13 the following:

14 "43-12-1.

15 (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this chapter, the following classes of persons may  
16 peddle, vend on the public streets, roadways, and highways of this state or any county or  
17 municipality thereof, conduct business, or practice the professions and semiprofessions in  
18 any county or municipality in this state without paying an occupation tax, administrative  
19 fee, or regulatory fee for the privilege of so doing, provided such person receives a  
20 certificate of exemption issued by the commissioner of veterans service:

- 21 (1) Any disabled veteran of any war or armed conflict in which any branch of the armed  
22 forces of the United States engaged, whether under United States command or otherwise;
- 23 (2) Any blind person; or
- 24 (3) Any veteran of peace-time service in the United States armed forces who has a  
25 physical disability incurred during the period of such service.

1 (b) Any person who holds a certificate of exemption issued pursuant to subsection (a) of  
2 this Code section shall be exempt from any and all management regulations and fees  
3 designed or intended to regulate or restrict vending on the public streets, roadways, and  
4 highways of this state or any county or municipality thereof and issued pursuant to the  
5 police power of the state, county, or municipality, whether imposed directly by the state,  
6 county, or municipality or by any entity acting on behalf of such government."

7 **SECTION 2.**

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