

House Bill 799

By: Representative Reese of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 directing persons to leave parks, historic sites, or recreational areas upon their refusal to
3 observe rules and regulations and prohibited acts generally, so as to change certain provisions
4 relating to carrying firearms in state parks; 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 Code Section 12-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to relating to
8 directing persons to leave parks, historic sites, or recreational areas upon their refusal to
9 observe rules and regulations and prohibited acts generally, is amended by striking
10 subsection (o) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(o)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or possess in any park, historic site, or
12 recreational area any fireworks, explosives, or firecrackers, unless stored so as not to be
13 readily accessible or unless such use has been approved by prior written permission of
14 the commissioner of natural resources or his or her authorized representative.

15 (2)(A) It shall also be unlawful for any person to use or possess in any park, historic
16 site, or recreational area any firearms, bows and arrows, spring guns, air rifles,
17 slingshots, or any other device which discharges projectiles by any means, unless the
18 device is unloaded and stored so as not to be readily accessible or unless such use has
19 been approved within restricted areas by prior written permission of the commissioner
20 of natural resources or his or her authorized representative.

21 (B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to:

22 (i) Transportation of firearms in a motor vehicle in any park, historic site, or
23 recreational area to the extent otherwise authorized under subsection (d) of Code
24 Section 16-11-126; or

1 (ii) Possession of a pistol, loaded or unloaded, or use of such pistol in self-defense
2 or defense of others in any park, historic site, or recreational area by a person licensed
3 or permitted to carry such firearm under Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.