

House Bill 1234

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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 for constables to  
4 carry pistols in publicly owned or operated buildings; to exempt constables from the  
5 prohibition of carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school  
6 property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Code  
11 Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying deadly weapons at public gatherings, and inserting  
12 in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(c)(1) This Code section shall not apply to competitors participating in organized sport  
14 shooting events.

15 (2) Law enforcement officers, peace officers retired from state or federal law  
16 enforcement agencies, judges, magistrates, constables, solicitors-general, and district  
17 attorneys may carry pistols in publicly owned or operated buildings."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said part is further amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to  
20 carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property, by  
21 striking "or" at the end of paragraph (16), striking the period at the end of paragraph (17) and  
22 inserting "; or" in lieu thereof, and adding a new paragraph (18) to read as follows:

23 "(18) Constables of any county of this state."

1 **SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.