

Senate Bill 520

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Kemp of the 46th, Douglas of the 17th and Hill of the 32nd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Georgia State Patrol, so as to authorize the Board of Public Safety to provide
3 a badge and duty weapon to sworn officers as compensation under certain circumstances; to
4 authorize the commissioner to provide certain uniforms and equipment to all sworn members
5 of the Department of Public Safety; to change certain provisions relating to the provision of
6 uniforms and equipment to members of the Uniform Division and the retention of weapons
7 and badges upon retirement of certain members; to provide for related matters; to provide an
8 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

SECTION 1.

10 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
11 Georgia State Patrol, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 35-2-42, relating
12 to compensation of members of the Uniform Division, communications officers, recruits, and
13 cadets, and inserting a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "~~(c) The board shall be authorized to pay to officers, noncommissioned officers, and~~
15 ~~troopers of the Uniform Division~~ sworn members of the Department of Public Safety
16 additional compensation to be paid upon retirement in the form of the badge and the
17 revolver duty weapon issued by the department to such member officer, noncommissioned
18 officer, or trooper."

SECTION 2.

20 Said article is further amended by striking Code Section 35-2-49, relating to the provision
21 of uniforms and equipment to members of the Uniform Division and radio operators and
22 retention of weapons and badges upon retirement, in its entirety and inserting a new Code
23 Section 35-2-49 to read as follows:
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1 "35-2-49.
2 The commissioner shall, within the limit of the appropriation, provide the sworn members
3 of ~~the Uniform Division~~ of the Department of Public Safety with proper uniforms, suitable
4 to the season, and also with emergency and first-aid outfits, weapons, motor vehicles with
5 radio equipment, and all other necessary supplies and equipment for the purpose of
6 carrying out this article, the same to remain the property of the state; provided, however,
7 that after a sworn member has accumulated 25 years of service in ~~the Uniform Division of~~
8 the Department of Public Safety, upon leaving the ~~division~~ department under honorable
9 conditions, such member shall be entitled, as part of his or her compensation, to retain his
10 or her weapon and badge pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The
11 commissioner shall also, within the limit of the appropriation, provide proper uniforms and
12 equipment to radio operators. After a radio operator has accumulated 25 years of service
13 with the department, upon leaving the department under honorable conditions, such radio
14 operator shall be entitled, as part of his or her compensation, to retain his or her badge
15 pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner."

16 **SECTION 3.**

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

19 **SECTION 4.**

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