

House Bill 218

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 52-2-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 application of traffic laws and enforcement by security guards employed with the Georgia
3 Ports Authority, so as to require that those employees of the authority who are authorized to
4 exercise the powers of arrest shall be certified peace officers subject to the Georgia Peace
5 Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to provide an
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 52-2-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the application
10 of traffic laws and enforcement by security guards employed with the Georgia Ports
11 Authority, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

12 "(e) ~~Regular employees~~ Any employee of the Georgia Ports Authority ~~designated as~~
13 ~~security guards~~ authorized to exercise the power of arrest shall ~~not~~ be subject to the
14 requirements of Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training
15 Act,' ~~nor shall said guards be subject to Chapter 38 of Title 43, the 'Georgia Private~~
16 ~~Detective and Security Agencies Act.'~~ and is specifically required to be a certified peace
17 officer prior to exercising the power of arrest."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2008.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.