

Representative Bearden of the 68th offers the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate substitute to HB 89 (LC 38 0516S) by inserting after "certain firearms;"*
 2 *on line 7 on page 1 "to prohibit the carrying of firearms and other weapons into certain*
 3 *buildings; to provide a definition; to authorize the carrying of firearms in certain locations;".*

4 *By inserting after line 14 on page 3 the following:*

5 **SECTION 4.**

6 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying deadly
 7 weapons to or at public gatherings, as follows:

8 "16-11-127.

9 (a) Except as provided in Code Section 16-11-127.1, a person is shall be guilty of a
 10 misdemeanor when he or she carries ~~to or while at a public gathering~~ any explosive
 11 compound, firearm, or knife designed for the purpose of offense and defense into a
 12 prohibited building.

13 (b) For the purpose of this Code section, ~~'public gathering' shall include, but shall not be~~
 14 ~~limited to, 'prohibited building' means buildings housing any of the following: professional~~
 15 or college athletic or sporting events, ~~churches or church functions,~~ political rallies or
 16 functions, ~~publicly owned or operated buildings~~ government offices, or establishments at
 17 which alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises and which derive less
 18 than 50 percent of their total annual gross food and beverage sales from the sale of
 19 prepared meals or food. Nothing in this Code section shall otherwise prohibit the carrying
 20 of a firearm in any other public place by a person licensed or permitted to carry such
 21 firearm by this part.

22 (c) This Code section shall not apply to competitors participating in organized sport
 23 shooting events. Law enforcement officers, peace officers retired from state or federal law
 24 enforcement agencies, judges, magistrates, solicitors-general, and district attorneys may
 25 carry pistols in ~~publicly owned or operated~~ government office buildings.

26 (d) It is shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this Code section if a person
 27 notifies a law enforcement officer or other person employed to provide security for a ~~public~~
 28 ~~gathering~~ prohibited building of the presence of such item as soon as possible after learning
 29 of its presence and surrenders or secures such item as directed by ~~the~~ such law enforcement
 30 officer or other person employed to provide security for a ~~public gathering~~ such prohibited
 31 building.

32 (e) A person licensed or permitted to carry a firearm by this part shall be permitted to carry

1 such firearm, subject to the limitations of this part, in all parks, historic sites, and
2 recreational areas notwithstanding Code Section 12-3-10, in wildlife management areas
3 notwithstanding Code Section 27-3-1.1 and 27-3-6, and in public transportation
4 notwithstanding Code Sections 16-12-122 through 16-12-127; provided, however, that a
5 person shall not carry a firearm into a place prohibited by federal law."

6 *By redesignating Sections 4 through 8 as Sections 5 through 9, respectively.*

7 *By striking lines 9 through 18 on page 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

8 required. The law enforcement agency shall return the application and the blank license form
9 with the fingerprint thereon directly to the judge of the probate court within such time period.
10 Not later than ~~60~~ ten days after ~~the date of the application~~ the judge of the probate court
11 receives the report from the law enforcement agency concerning the suitability of the
12 applicant for a firearms license, the judge of the probate court shall issue the such applicant
13 a license or renewal license to carry any pistol or revolver ~~if no~~ unless facts establishing
14 ineligibility have been reported ~~and if~~ or unless the judge determines ~~the such~~ applicant has
15 not met all the qualifications, is not of good moral character, ~~and has complied or has failed~~
16 to comply with ~~all~~ any of the requirements contained in this Code section; provided,
17 however, that if the report from the law enforcement agency contains information that, in the
18 opinion of the judge of the probate court, requires further investigation, the judge of the
19 probate court shall be authorized to investigate such information if such investigation is
20 undertaken and pursued on an expedited basis. The judge of the probate court shall date
21 stamp the report from the law enforcement agency to show the date on which the report was
22 received by the judge of the probate court."