

House Bill 155

By: Representatives Mills of the 25th, Maxwell of the 17th, and Talton of the 145th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 license to carry pistol or revolver and temporary renewal permit, so as to provide for a
3 permanent license valid for the applicant's lifetime; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license to
8 carry pistol or revolver and temporary renewal permit, is amended by revising subsection (a)
9 as follows:
10 "(a) *Application for license or renewal license; term.* The judge of the probate court of
11 each county may, on application under oath and on payment of ~~a~~ the required fee of \$15.00,
12 issue a license or renewal license ~~valid for a period of five years~~ to any person whose
13 domicile is in that county or who is on active duty with the United States armed forces and
14 who is not a domiciliary of this state but who either resides in that county or on a military
15 reservation located in whole or in part in that county at the time of such application, which
16 license or renewal license shall authorize that person to carry any pistol or revolver in any
17 county of this state notwithstanding any change in that person's county of residence or state
18 of domicile. The fee for such license shall be \$15.00 for a renewable permit valid for a
19 period of five years or \$40.00 for a permanent license valid for the remainder of the
20 applicant's life. Applicants shall submit the application for a license or renewal license to
21 the judge of the probate court on forms prescribed and furnished free of charge to persons
22 wishing to apply for the license or renewal license. An applicant who is not a United States
23 citizen shall provide sufficient personal identifying data, including without limitation his
24 or her place of birth and United States issued alien or admission number, as the Georgia
25 Bureau of Investigation may prescribe by rule or regulation. An applicant who is in
26 nonimmigrant status shall provide proof of his or her qualifications for an exception to the

27 federal firearm prohibition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(y). Forms shall be designed
28 to elicit information from the applicant pertinent to his or her eligibility under this Code
29 section, including citizenship, but shall not require data which is nonpertinent or irrelevant
30 such as serial numbers or other identification capable of being used as a de facto
31 registration of firearms owned by the applicant. The Department of Public Safety shall
32 furnish application forms and license forms required by this Code section. The forms shall
33 be furnished to each judge of each probate court within the state at no cost."

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SECTION 2.

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