

House Bill 54

By: Representative Franklin of the 43rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 carrying weapons in unauthorized locations and penalty, so as to repeal a prohibition against
3 carrying a weapon in a place of worship; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-11-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying
8 weapons in unauthorized locations and penalty, is amended by revising subsection (b) as
9 follows:

10 "(b) A person shall be guilty of carrying a weapon or long gun in an unauthorized location
11 and punished as for a misdemeanor when he or she carries a weapon or long gun while:

12 (1) In a government building;

13 (2) In a courthouse;

14 (3) In a jail or prison;

15 (4) ~~In a place of worship;~~

16 ~~(5)~~ In a state mental health facility as defined in Code Section 37-1-1 which admits
17 individuals on an involuntary basis for treatment of mental illness, developmental
18 disability, or addictive disease; provided, however, that carrying a weapon or long gun
19 in such location in a manner in compliance with paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of this
20 Code section shall not constitute a violation of this subsection;

21 ~~(6)~~ (5) In a bar, unless the owner of the bar permits the carrying of weapons or long guns
22 by license holders;

23 ~~(7)~~ (6) On the premises of a nuclear power facility, except as provided in Code Section
24 16-11-127.2, and the punishment provisions of Code Section 16-11-127.2 shall supersede
25 the punishment provisions of this Code section; or

28 **SECTION 2.**
29 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
30 without such approval.

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.