

Senate Bill 94

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-125.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to the carrying and possession of firearms, so as to change certain
3 definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 16-11-125.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
7 relative to the carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising paragraph (1) as
8 follows:

9 "(1) 'Handgun' means a firearm of any description, loaded or unloaded, from which any
10 shot, bullet, or other missile can be discharged by an action of an explosive where the
11 length of the barrel, not including any revolving, detachable, or magazine breech, does
12 not exceed 12 inches; provided, however, that the term 'handgun' shall not include a gun
13 which discharges a single shot of .46 ~~centimeters~~ centimeter or less in diameter which can
14 be discharged by an action of an explosive."

15 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

16 Said Code section is further amended by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

17 "(4) 'Long gun' means a firearm ~~with a barrel length of at least 18 inches and overall~~
18 ~~length of at least 26 inches~~ other than a sawed-off rifle or a sawed-off shotgun, as such
19 terms are defined in Code Section 16-11-121, designed or made and intended to be fired
20 from the shoulder and designed or made to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed:

21 (A) Shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single
22 projectile for each single pull of the trigger or from which any shot, bullet, or other
23 missile can be discharged; or

24 (B) Metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a ~~rifle~~ rifled bore for each
25 single pull of the trigger;

26 provided, however, that the term 'long gun' shall not include a gun which discharges a
27 single shot of .46 ~~centimeters~~ centimeter or less in diameter which can be discharged by
28 an action of an explosive."

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.