

Senate Bill 98

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide an exemption
3 from the application of certain laws regarding the carrying and possession of firearms for
4 persons possessing valid weapons carry licenses; to provide for exceptions; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising Code
10 Section 16-11-130, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through
11 16-11-127.2, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(a.1) The prohibitions contained in Code Section 16-11-127 shall not apply to license
13 holders as defined in Code Section 16-11-125.1; provided, however, that nothing in this
14 subsection shall authorize a license holder to carry a weapon or long gun in a jail, prison,
15 courtroom, or beyond the security checkpoint of a courthouse or on the premises of a
16 nuclear power plant or in a state mental health facility as defined by Code Section 37-1-1;
17 and provided, further, that, notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 16-11-173, such
18 license holders shall not be authorized to carry firearms in county or municipal government
19 buildings unless the governing authority of such county or municipality authorizes the
20 carrying of firearms in such buildings by ordinance or resolution. Nothing in this Code
21 section shall restrict the rights of private property owners or persons in legal control of
22 property through a lease, a rental agreement, a contract, or any other agreement to control
23 access to such property. When a private property owner or person in legal control of
24 property through a lease, a rental agreement, a contract, or any other agreement is also an
25 employer, his or her rights as a private property owner or person in legal control of
26 property shall govern."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.