

Senate Bill 493

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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 authorize persons who
3 are between the ages of 18 and 21 to carry firearms under certain circumstances; to provide
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising
9 subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of Code Section 16-11-129, relating to license to carry weapon,
10 temporary renewal permit, and mandamus, as follows:

11 "(A) Any Except as otherwise provided under Code Section 16-11-136, any person
12 under 21 years of age;".

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

14 Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "16-11-136.

16 (a) A resident of this state who is between the ages of 18 and 21 may be issued a license
17 to carry a weapon under Code Section 16-11-129 if such person meets all of the other
18 requirements for such license except for age and provides proof of compliance with the
19 provisions of this Code section by providing certification in writing from a licensed
20 firearms instructor.

21 (b) A resident of this state who is between the ages of 18 and 21 shall complete and pass
22 satisfactorily a course of firearms instruction taught by a licensed firearms instructor within
23 three months of applying for a license under Code Section 16-11-129.

24 (c) The course of firearms instruction shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

25 (1) Four hours of classroom instruction on the following topics:

26 (A) The laws of the United States and Georgia regarding the possession, carrying,
27 storing, and use of firearms, including laws regarding self-defense and the use of deadly
28 force;

29 (B) The proper methods of handling, carrying, and storing firearms safely; and

30 (C) Fundamentals of how to operate, load, fire, and unload firearms safely;

31 (2) Four hours of instruction on a firearms range in the actual operation, loading, and
32 firing of a firearm at targets, firing not less than 400 rounds of ammunition at targets at
33 various distances; and

34 (3) An examination on the classroom instruction and a practical examination on the
35 firearms range showing proficiency in the use of a firearm and the safe use and operation
36 of such firearm."

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SECTION 3.

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