

Senate Bill 432

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Mullis of the 53rd, Loudermilk of the 52nd and Rogers of the 21st

AS PASSED

**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 define certain terms; to
3 provide that a county, municipality, or consolidated government shall not enact any
4 ordinance which is more restrictive of the sale or possession of a knife than general law
5 except in courthouses or government buildings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

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

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by adding a new Code section to
11 read as follows:

12 "16-11-136.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Courthouse' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-127.

15 (2) 'Government building' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section
16 16-11-127.

17 (3) 'Knife' means any cutting instrument with a blade and shall include, without
18 limitation, a knife as such term is defined in Code Section 16-11-125.1.

19 (b) Except for restrictions in courthouses and government buildings, no county,
20 municipality, or consolidated government shall, by rule or ordinance, constrain the
21 possession, manufacture, sale, or transfer of a knife more restrictively than the provisions
22 of this part."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.