

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Restoring Private Property Rights for Places of Worship Act of 2013."

SECTION 2.

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

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

(1) In a government building;

(2) In a courthouse;

(3) In a jail or prison;

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

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

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

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

(8) (7) Within 150 feet of any polling place, except as provided in subsection (i) of Code Section 21-2-413."

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This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.