

Senate Bill 74

By: Senators Loudermilk of the 14th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hill of the 6th, Miller of the 49th, Hill of the 32nd and others

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 amend  
4 Code Section 43-38-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits to  
5 carry firearms, proficiency requirement, exemption from specified laws, denial, refusal to  
6 renew, and suspension of permits, and effect of license suspension and restoration, so as to  
7 provide for the issuance of a permit to carry firearms to persons between the ages of 18 and  
8 21; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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

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

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

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

19 "16-11-136.

20 A resident of this state who is between the ages of 18 and 21 may be issued a license to  
21 carry a weapon under Code Section 16-11-129 if such person meets all of the other  
22 requirements for such license except for age and provides proof of completion of basic  
23 training in any branch of the United States military or the United States Coast Guard."

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 Code Section 43-38-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permits to  
26 carry firearms, proficiency requirement, exemption from specified laws, denial, refusal to  
27 renew, and suspension of permits, and effect of license suspension and restoration, is  
28 amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

29 "(a) The board may grant a permit to carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm to any person  
30 who is at least 21 years of age, or at least 18 years of age if such person has been issued a  
31 weapons carry license under Code Sections 16-11-129 and 16-11-136, and who is licensed  
32 or registered in accordance with this chapter and who meets the qualifications and training  
33 requirements set forth in this Code section and such other qualifications and training  
34 requirements as the board by rule may establish. The board shall have the authority to  
35 establish limits on type and caliber of such weapons by rule. Application for such permit  
36 and for renewal thereof shall be made on forms provided by the division director. No  
37 weapons permit issued under this Code section shall be transferable to another individual."

38 **SECTION 4.**

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