

House Bill 335

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Hitchens of the 161st, Williamson of the 115th, Dutton of the 157th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

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

9 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

15 (1) In a government building;

16 (2) In a courthouse;

17 (3) In a jail or prison;

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

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

24 ~~(6)~~ (5) In a bar, unless the owner of the bar permits the carrying of weapons or long guns
25 by license holders;

26 ~~(7)~~ (6) On the premises of a nuclear power facility, except as provided in Code Section
27 16-11-127.2, and the punishment provisions of Code Section 16-11-127.2 shall supersede
28 the punishment provisions of this Code section; or
29 ~~(8)~~ (7) Within 150 feet of any polling place, except as provided in subsection (i) of Code
30 Section 21-2-413."

31 **SECTION 3.**

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

34 **SECTION 4.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.