

House Bill 482

By: Representatives Neal of the 2nd, Hill of the 22nd, Greene of the 151st, Dunahoo of the 30th, Kidd of the 145th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Board of Corrections and the Department of Corrections, so as to provide that employees of
3 the Department of Corrections serving as certified peace officers may retain their weapons
4 under certain circumstances; to authorize the Board of Corrections to promulgate rules and
5 regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board of
9 Corrections and the Department of Corrections, is amended by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "42-2-7.1.

12 (a) An employee leaving the service of the department under honorable conditions who
13 has accumulated 25 or more years of service with the department as a certified peace
14 officer shall be entitled as part of such employee's compensation to retain his or her
15 department issued weapon.

16 (b) The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of
17 this Code section."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.