

House Bill 506

By: Representatives Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dangerous instrumentalities and  
3 practices, so as to make it unlawful to discharge a firearm in an act of celebration or  
4 ceremony; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for criminal  
5 penalties; 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 Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to general provisions relative to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, is  
10 amended by revising Code Section 16-11-105, relating to the discharge of firearm on  
11 Sunday, as follows:

12 "16-11-105.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'firearm' means any handgun, rifle, or shotgun.

14 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge a firearm into the air or  
15 otherwise as an act of celebration or ceremony.

16 (c) This Code section shall not apply to law enforcement officers or members of the  
17 National Guard or of the armed forces of the United States in the performance of their  
18 official duties.

19 (d) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall  
20 be punished by a fine of \$1,000.00 and, in the discretion of the court, be imprisoned for not  
21 more than 12 months Reserved."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.