

House Bill 688

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions relative to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to define certain  
3 terms; to provide that no state or local officer shall take any action to enforce federal laws  
4 relating to the purchase, possession, or use of firearms; to provide for legal standing; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
9 provisions relative to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding new  
10 Code section to read as follows:

11 "35-1-20.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Firearm' means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, or similar device or weapon which will  
14 or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge.

15 (2) 'Firearm accessory' means any article or device used in the operation or maintenance  
16 of a firearm, including, without limitation, ammunition, magazines, suppressors,  
17 replacement parts, conversion parts, tools, and cleaning materials.

18 (b) No state or local official or law enforcement officer shall take any action to enforce a  
19 federal law, regulation, or order relating to the purchase, possession, or use of a firearm.

20 (c) No arrest, collection of information, or other action in violation of this Code section  
21 shall be valid.

22 (d) Any citizen who is age 18 or older shall have legal standing to bring an action in the  
23 superior court to enforce the provisions of this Code section, including, without limitation,  
24 injunctive relief, in the jurisdiction within which he or she resides. Any such person, if  
25 successful, shall be entitled to a reasonable attorney's fee."

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.