

Senate Bill 267

By: Senators Williams of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd and Williams of the 19th

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 provide for a reduced
3 weapons carry license and renewal license application fee for persons who are 65 years of
4 age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising subsection (a) of
9 Code Section 16-11-129, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit,
10 mandamus, and verification of license, as follows:

11 "(a) **Application for weapons carry license or renewal license; term.** The judge of the
12 probate court of each county shall, on application under oath, on payment of a fee of
13 \$30.00, and on investigation of the applicant pursuant to subsections (b) and (d) of this
14 Code section, issue a weapons carry license or renewal license valid for a period of five
15 years to any person whose domicile is in that county or who is on active duty with the
16 United States armed forces and who is not a domiciliary of this state but who either
17 resides in that county or on a military reservation located in whole or in part in that
18 county at the time of such application; provided, however, that if such applicant is 65
19 years of age or older at the time of making such application, then such fee shall be
20 \$15.00. Such license or renewal license shall authorize that person to carry any weapon
21 in any county of this state notwithstanding any change in that person's county of
22 residence or state of domicile. Applicants shall submit the application for a weapons
23 carry license or renewal license to the judge of the probate court on forms prescribed and
24 furnished free of charge to persons wishing to apply for the license or renewal license.
25 An application shall be considered to be for a renewal license if the applicant has a
26 weapons carry license or renewal license with 90 or fewer days remaining before the

27 expiration of such weapons carry license or renewal license or 30 or fewer days since the
28 expiration of such weapons carry license or renewal license regardless of the county of
29 issuance of the applicant's expired or expiring weapons carry license or renewal license.
30 An applicant who is not a United States citizen shall provide sufficient personal
31 identifying data, including without limitation his or her place of birth and United States
32 issued alien or admission number, as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation may prescribe
33 by rule or regulation. An applicant who is in nonimmigrant status shall provide proof of
34 his or her qualifications for an exception to the federal firearm prohibition pursuant to 18
35 U.S.C. Section 922(y). Forms shall be designed to elicit information from the applicant
36 pertinent to his or her eligibility under this Code section, including citizenship, but shall
37 not require data which is nonpertinent or irrelevant, such as serial numbers or other
38 identification capable of being used as a de facto registration of firearms owned by the
39 applicant. The Department of Public Safety shall furnish application forms and license
40 forms required by this Code section. The forms shall be furnished to each judge of each
41 probate court within this state at no cost."

42 **SECTION 2.**

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