

Senate Bill 263

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Harper of the 7th, Bethel of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**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 regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide that the  
3 governing authority of each municipality and county in this state and each board of education  
4 which employs sworn police officers who are P.O.S.T. certified may adopt policies under  
5 which such sworn officers, upon their retirement or upon leaving such employment as a  
6 result of a disability arising in the line of duty, may retain his or her weapon and badge; to  
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "35-1-20.

14 The governing authority of each municipality and county in this state and each board of  
15 education which employs sworn police officers who are certified by the Georgia Peace  
16 Officer Standards and Training Council may adopt policies under which such sworn  
17 officers, upon their retirement from employment by such municipality, county, or board  
18 of education or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line  
19 of duty, shall be entitled, as part of his or her compensation, to retain his or her weapon and  
20 badge."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.