

Senate Bill 15

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so
3 as to add to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a
4 weapons carry license without the payment of certain fees; to provide conditions; to provide
5 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 Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons
9 carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, is amended
10 by revising subsection (h) as follows:

11 **"(h)(1) Licenses for former law enforcement officers.** Except as otherwise provided
12 in Code Section 16-11-130, any person who has served as a law enforcement officer for
13 at least ~~ten~~:

14 (A) Ten of the 12 years immediately preceding the retirement of such person as a law
15 enforcement officer; or

16 (B) Ten years and left such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of
17 duty; and

18 retired or left such employment in good standing with a state or federal certifying agency
19 and receives benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided for
20 under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state
21 authority, federal, private sector, individual, or educational institution retirement system
22 or program shall be entitled to be issued a weapons carry license as provided for in this
23 Code section without the payment of any of the fees provided for in this Code section.

24 (2) Such person as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall comply with all
25 the other provisions of this Code section relative to the issuance of such licenses,
26 including, but not limited to the requirements under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of

27 this Code section. Any person seeking to be issued a license pursuant to this subsection
28 shall state his or her qualifications for eligibility under this subsection on his or her
29 application under oath as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

30 (3) As used in this subsection, the term 'law enforcement officer' means any peace officer
31 who is employed by the United States government or by the State of Georgia or any
32 political subdivision thereof and who is required by the terms of his or her employment,
33 whether by election or appointment, to give his or her full time to the preservation of
34 public order or the protection of life and property or the prevention of crime. Such term
35 shall include conservation rangers."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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