

House Bill 681

By: Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Belton of the 112th, Hitchens of the 161st, Meadows of the 5th, Taylor of the 79th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations,
2 partnerships, and associations, so as to provide a three-year waiver of annual registration fees
3 for certain veteran affiliated business corporations, nonprofit corporations, foreign limited
4 liability partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies; to provide for
5 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 14-2-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing fees and
9 penalties for business corporations, is amended by designating the existing text as subsection
10 (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(b) For any business corporation having at least one officer residing in the State of
12 Georgia who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any state's
13 National Guard and was honorably discharged from such service, the annual registration
14 fee set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, upon presentation to the Secretary
15 of State of documentation of such service, be waived for the first three years that such
16 annual registration fee becomes due."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Code Section 14-3-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing fees for
19 nonprofit corporations, is amended by designating the existing text as subsection (a) and
20 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

21 "(b) For any nonprofit corporation having at least one officer residing in the State of
22 Georgia who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any state's
23 National Guard and was honorably discharged from such service, the annual registration
24 fee set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, upon presentation to the Secretary
25 of State of documentation of such service, be waived for the first three years that such
26 annual registration fee becomes due."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 Code Section 14-8-57 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing fees
29 pertaining to foreign limited liability partnerships, is amended by designating the existing
30 text as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

31 "(b) For any foreign limited liability partnership having at least one partner residing in the
32 State of Georgia who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any
33 state's National Guard and was honorably discharged from such service, the annual
34 registration fee set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, upon presentation to
35 the Secretary of State of documentation of such service, be waived for the first three years
36 that such annual registration fee becomes due."

37 **SECTION 4.**

38 Code Section 14-9-1101 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees for
39 limited partnerships, is amended by designating the existing text as subsection (a) and adding
40 a new subsection to read as follows:

41 "(b) For any limited partnership having at least one partner residing in the State of Georgia
42 who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any state's National
43 Guard and was honorably discharged from such service, the annual registration fee set forth
44 in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, upon presentation to the Secretary of State of
45 documentation of such service, be waived for the first three years that such annual
46 registration fee becomes due."

47 **SECTION 5.**

48 Code Section 14-11-1101 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and
49 penalties for limited liability companies, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as
50 follows:

51 "(c) For any limited liability company having at least one member residing in the State of
52 Georgia who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any state's
53 National Guard and was honorably discharged from such service, the annual registration
54 fee set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section shall, upon presentation to the Secretary
55 of State of documentation of such service, be waived for the first three years that such
56 annual registration fee becomes due."

57 **SECTION 6.**

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