

Senate Bill 390

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 carrying weapons in unauthorized locations, so as to establish that public assemblies held
3 during a St. Patrick's Day holiday period shall be unauthorized locations for the carrying of
4 weapons and long guns; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-11-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying
9 weapons in unauthorized locations, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(b) Except as provided in Code Section 16-11-127.1 and subsection (d) or (e) of this Code
11 section, a person shall be guilty of carrying a weapon or long gun in an unauthorized
12 location and punished as for a misdemeanor when he or she carries a weapon or long gun
13 while:

- 14 (1) In a government building as a nonlicense holder;
- 15 (2) In a courthouse;
- 16 (3) In a jail or prison;
- 17 (4) In a place of worship, unless the governing body or authority of the place of worship
18 permits the carrying of weapons or long guns by license holders;
- 19 (5) In a state mental health facility as defined in Code Section 37-1-1 which admits
20 individuals on an involuntary basis for treatment of mental illness, developmental
21 disability, or addictive disease; provided, however, that carrying a weapon or long gun
22 in such location in a manner in compliance with paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of this
23 Code section shall not constitute a violation of this subsection;
- 24 (6) On the premises of a nuclear power facility, except as provided in Code Section
25 16-11-127.2, and the punishment provisions of Code Section 16-11-127.2 shall supersede
26 the punishment provisions of this Code section; or

27 (7) Within 150 feet of any polling place when elections are being conducted and such
28 polling place is being used as a polling place as provided for in paragraph (27) of Code
29 Section 21-2-2, except as provided in subsection (i) of Code Section 21-2-413; or
30 (8) At an assembly of two or more persons upon any public way or public property
31 during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period. As used in this paragraph, the term 'St.
32 Patrick's Day holiday period' means March 16 through March 18 of each year."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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