

House Bill 970

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Oliver of the 82nd, Frye of the 118th, Thomas of the 39th, Nguyen of the 89th, and others

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 the offense of carrying a
3 weapon or long gun in an unauthorized location includes carrying a long gun while
4 knowingly participating in the assembly of two or more persons upon any public way or
5 public property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

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

25 (6) On the premises of a nuclear power facility, except as provided in Code Section
26 16-11-127.2, and the punishment provisions of Code Section 16-11-127.2 shall supersede
27 the punishment provisions of this Code section; or

28 (7) Within 150 feet of any polling place when elections are being conducted and such
29 polling place is being used as a polling place as provided for in paragraph (27) of Code
30 Section 21-2-2, except as provided in subsection (i) of Code Section 21-2-413; or

31 (8) In the case of a long gun, knowingly participating in the assembly of two or more
32 persons upon any public way or public property."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.