

House Bill 73

By: Representatives Morris of the 26th, Gilligan of the 24th, Fleming of the 121st, Kelley of the 16th, and Jones of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 miscellaneous offenses concerning public officers and employees, so as to revise the
3 prohibition of persons engaged in the bail bond business from serving in certain elected
4 offices; to provide for a definition; to permit persons engaged in the bail bond business to
5 serve in elected offices other than county and municipal offices; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous
10 offenses concerning public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section
11 45-11-8, relating to engaging in bail bond business, as follows:

12 "45-11-8.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'local elected official' means any elected county
14 or municipal official or elected member of the governing authority of a county or
15 municipality. Such term shall not mean an elected member of a local school board.

16 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person engaged ~~elected official, officer of the court, law~~
17 ~~enforcement officer, or attorney in this state to engage either directly or indirectly in the~~
18 ~~bail bond business~~ to be a local elected official, an officer of the court, a law enforcement
19 officer, or an attorney in this state. For purposes of this Code section, 'elected official' shall
20 not include a person who is elected to the local school board.

21 ~~(b)(c)~~ (c) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.