

House Bill 384

By: Representatives Wilensky of the 79th, Frye of the 118th, Shannon of the 84th, Holland of the 54th, McLaurin of the 51st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 having or carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapon, license requirement, and
3 exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions,
4 so as to require that firearms stored or kept within a home be secured in a locked container;
5 to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to having or
10 carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapon, license requirement, and exceptions for
11 homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions, is amended by
12 revising subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a)(1) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any Any person who
14 is not prohibited by law from possessing a handgun or long gun may have or carry on his
15 or her person a weapon or long gun on his or her property or inside his or her home,
16 motor vehicle, or place of business without a valid weapons carry license.

17 (2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to store or keep any firearm in his or her
18 home unless such firearm is secured in a locked container so as to render such firearm
19 inaccessible by any person other than the owner of the firearm or other lawfully
20 authorized user. For purposes of this paragraph, such firearm shall not be deemed
21 stored or kept if such firearm is being carried by, or under the control of, the owner of
22 the firearm or other lawfully authorized user.

23 (B) Any person who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.