

The House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 787:

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 weapons, license requirement, and  
3 exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions,  
4 so as to expand weapons carry license reciprocity in this state; to provide that persons who  
5 are not residents of this state shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state if licensed to  
6 carry in another state whose licensing laws are substantially equal to or exceed the laws of  
7 this state for such licensing, including the necessity of criminal background checks; to  
8 provide that the Attorney General shall enter into an agreement with any state that requires  
9 an agreement to recognize and give effect to weapons carry licenses for reciprocity; to  
10 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

17 "(e)(1)(A) Any person licensed to carry a weapon in any other state whose laws  
18 ~~recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part regarding such~~  
19 licensing are substantially equal to or exceed the laws of this state for such licensing,  
20 including the necessity of criminal background checks, shall be authorized to carry a  
21 weapon in this state, but only while the licensee is not a resident of this state; provided,  
22 however, that:

- 23 (i) Such licensee licensed to carry a weapon in any other state shall carry the weapon  
24 in compliance with the laws of this state; and  
25 (ii) No other state shall be required to recognize and give effect to a license issued  
26 pursuant to this part that is held by a person who is younger than 21 years of age.

27 (B)(i) The Attorney General shall create and maintain on the Department of Law's  
28 website a list of states whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued  
29 pursuant to this part.

30 (ii) The Attorney General shall enter into an agreement with any state that requires  
31 an agreement to recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part.

32 (2) Any person who is not a weapons carry license holder in this state and who is  
33 licensed to carry a weapon in any other state whose laws ~~recognize and give effect to a~~  
34 ~~license issued pursuant to this part~~ regarding such licensing are substantially equal to or  
35 exceed the laws of this state for such licensing, including the necessity of criminal  
36 background checks, shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state for 90 days after  
37 he or she becomes a resident of this state; provided, however, that such person shall carry  
38 the weapon in compliance with the laws of this state, shall as soon as practicable submit  
39 a weapons carry license application as provided for under Code Section 16-11-129, and  
40 shall remain licensed in such other state for the duration of time that he or she is a  
41 resident of this state but not a weapons carry license holder in this state."

42 **SECTION 2.**

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