Senate Bill 502

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Thomas of the 2nd and Seay of the 34th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 42-9-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees of the parole board, so as to provide that certified parole officers employed by the parole board who leave the board under certain conditions may retain their badges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 42-9-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees of the parole board, is amended by designating the existing provisions as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) A certified parole officer leaving the service of the board under honorable conditions who has accumulated 20 or more years of service with the board as a certified parole officer shall be entitled as part of such employee´s compensation to retain his or her board issued badge. A certified parole officer employed with the board who is killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to have his or her board issued badge given to a surviving family member. Where a certified parole officer leaves the service of the board due to a disability that arose in the line of duty and such disability prevents the parole officer from further serving as a peace officer, then such disabled parole officer shall be entitled to retain his or her board issued badge regardless of the officer´s number of years of service with the board. The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.