

Senate Bill 299

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 notaries public, so as to provide for members of the armed forces on active duty to use online
3 notaries public for certain matters; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notaries public,
8 is amended by revising Code Section 45-17-31, relating to persons authorized to have
9 notarial acts performed by commissioned officers, as follows:

10 "45-17-31.

11 (a) Any person who (1) is a member of the armed forces of the United States, (2) is serving
12 as a merchant seaman outside the limits of the United States, or (3) is outside the limits of
13 the United States by permission, assignment, or direction of any department or official of
14 the United States government in connection with any activity pertaining to the prosecution
15 of any war in which the United States is then engaged and the spouse, dependent child, or
16 other dependent of such person may have instruments acknowledged, documents attested,

17 oaths and affirmations administered, depositions and affidavits executed, and other notarial
18 acts performed by any commissioned officer in active service of the armed forces of the
19 United States.

20 (b) Any person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty
21 in any capacity may also utilize a remote, online notary public duly licensed in any state
22 of this country to notarize any forms or documents required by state or local agencies for
23 matters involving taxation, titling, and licensing of a motor vehicle. This provision shall
24 not apply to any documents involving the conveyance of real estate, wills, or trusts, or to
25 motor vehicles not intended for personal use by the service member or his or her family."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.