

House Bill 1004

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Campbell of the 35th, Panitch of the 51st, Kendrick of the 95th, Romman of the 97th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the security guard division of the Department of Public Safety, so as to authorize
3 the commissioner of public safety to provide security guards to the majority and minority
4 leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and their families or any member of the
5 General Assembly who is subject to a credible threat to his or her safety or security in the
6 same manner as currently provided for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to
8 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
12 security guard division of the Department of Public Safety, is amended by revising Code
13 Section 35-2-73, relating to security guards for protection of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
14 Speaker of the House, and their families and executive department and transportation of
15 family members at state expense, as follows:

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16 "35-2-73.

17 (a) The commissioner shall be authorized to employ such number of security guards as
18 may be necessary to keep watch over and protect the Governor and members of his or her
19 immediate family, the Lieutenant Governor and members of his or her immediate family,
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and members of his or her immediate family,
21 the majority leader of the Senate and his or her immediate family, the minority leader of
22 the Senate and his or her immediate family, the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives and his or her immediate family, the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives and his or her immediate family, the executive department at the state
25 capitol or at any other place as the executive department may be moved, the executive
26 center or other residence of the Governor, the residences and offices of the Lieutenant
27 Governor, ~~and~~ the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority
28 leaders of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, and such other state property
29 and individuals as may be directed by the Governor.

30 (b) Members of the Governor's family, the Lieutenant Governor's family, ~~and~~ the Speaker's
31 family, and the families of majority and minority leaders of both the Senate and the House
32 of Representatives for whom protection is provided by the Security Guard Division, when
33 traveling with the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, ~~or~~ the Speaker, or the majority or
34 minority leaders of either the Senate or the House of Representatives, as the case may be,
35 when traveling on state related business at the request of the Governor, the Lieutenant
36 Governor, ~~or~~ the Speaker, or the majority or minority leaders of both the Senate and the
37 House of Representatives, as the case may be, or when in the judgment of the
38 commissioner security considerations so dictate, may be transported by means of state
39 owned transportation facilities, when appropriate, or at state expense by private carrier,
40 when the use of such state owned facilities are not practical or appropriate.

41 (c) The commissioner shall be authorized to employ such number of security guards as
42 may be necessary to keep watch over and protect any member of the General Assembly,

43 and such member's immediate family, if the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has
44 determined that such member is subject to a credible threat to his or her safety or security.
45 Such watch over and protection shall be provided to such members of the General
46 Assembly in the same manner as provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code
47 section."

48 **SECTION 2.**

49 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
50 without such approval.

51 **SECTION 3.**

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