

House Bill 1344

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-2-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
2 agencies not to discriminate in employment against servicemen's wives, so as to provide for  
3 updated language regarding spouses of armed forces service members; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 45-2-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state agencies  
8 not to discriminate in employment against servicemen's wives, is amended as follows:

9 "45-2-9.

10 (a) No department, agency, or board of the state shall deny employment with such  
11 department, agency, or board to a ~~wife whose husband~~ person whose spouse is a service  
12 member on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or on active duty in a  
13 reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard,  
14 merely because ~~she is a wife~~ he or she is the spouse of a member of the armed forces.

15 (b) This Code section shall not be construed to require a department, agency, or board of  
16 the state to employ any person who is not qualified for such employment or to employ any

17 person if no opening is available for the position applied for by such person. This Code  
18 section is intended only to prevent departments, agencies, and boards of the state from  
19 discriminating against ~~wives of servicemen~~ spouses of service members in the opportunity  
20 of securing employment with such departments, agencies, and boards."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.