

House Bill 471

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to Brady Law Regulations, so as to provide for the regulation of bows
3 and arrows by municipal corporations; to amend Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the Official Code
4 of Georgia Annotated, relating to home rule powers, so as to authorize municipalities to
5 regulate the use of bows and arrows; to provide for an exception; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to Brady Law Regulations, is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-173,
11 relating to legislative findings, preemption of local regulation and lawsuits, and exceptions,
12 by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

13 "(4) As provided for in Code Section 36-35-9, a municipal corporation may regulate the
14 transport, carrying, or possession of bows and arrows."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Chapter 35 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to home rule
17 powers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

18 "36-35-9.

19 The governing authority of each municipal corporation shall have legislative power to
20 adopt clearly reasonable ordinances regulating the use of bows and arrows within the
21 corporate limits of the municipality; provided, however, that private property owners or
22 persons in legal control of private property shall have the right to use or to allow for the use
23 of bows and arrows on such private property consistent with state law, and no such
24 ordinances shall restrict such right."

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.