

House Bill 779

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 licenses to carry weapons, temporary renewal permits, and mandamus, so as to allow certain  
3 military personnel and military veterans to be issued a weapons carry license without the  
4 payment of fees; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

8 Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses to  
9 carry weapons, temporary renewal permits, and mandamus, is amended by revising  
10 subsection (h) as follows:

11 **"(h)(1) Licenses for former law enforcement officers.** Except as otherwise provided  
12 in Code Section 16-11-130, any person who has served as a law enforcement officer for  
13 at least ten of the 12 years immediately preceding the retirement of such person as a law  
14 enforcement officer shall be entitled to be issued a weapons carry license as provided for  
15 in this Code section without the payment of any of the fees provided for in this Code  
16 section. Such person shall comply with all the other provisions of this Code section  
17 relative to the issuance of such licenses. As used in this subsection, the term 'law  
18 enforcement officer' means any peace officer who is employed by the United States  
19 government or by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof and who is  
20 required by the terms of his or her employment, whether by election or appointment, to  
21 give his or her full time to the preservation of public order or the protection of life and  
22 property or the prevention of crime. Such term shall include conservation rangers.

23 **(2) Licenses for persons serving in the United States military.** Any person who has  
24 served with the United States military shall be entitled to be issued a weapons carry  
25 license as provided for in this Code section without the payment of any of the fees  
26 provided for in this Code section. Such person shall comply with all the other provisions

27 of this Code section relative to the issuance of such license. For purposes of this  
28 paragraph, the term 'served with the United States military' means any person who:  
29 (A) Is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military; or  
30 (B) Is currently serving in good standing with the United States military and has so  
31 served for at least three years."

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

34 **SECTION 3.**

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