

Senate Bill 277

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as extend the exemptions from
3 weapons carry laws for certain court officials to include carrying inside of a courthouse; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of
9 subsection (c.1) of Code Section 16-11-130, relating to exemptions from Code Sections
10 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, as follows:

11 "(3) Notwithstanding a security plan implemented by law enforcement personnel,
12 including as provided for under a comprehensive plan as provided for in subsection (a)
13 of Code Section 15-16-10, ~~active;~~

14 (A) Active law enforcement officers referred to in subsection (c) of this Code section
15 shall be authorized to carry their service handguns and weapons in any courthouse if
16 they are wearing the assigned uniform of their law enforcement office or have the

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17 official badge and identification credentials issued to them by their law enforcement
18 office displayed and plainly visible on their person while in the performance of their
19 official duties; and
20 (B) Persons provided for under paragraphs (5), (6), (8), (12), (13), (15), and (16) of
21 subsection (a) of this Code section shall be authorized to carry handguns in any
22 courthouse."

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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.