

Senate Bill 250

By: Senator Rhett of the 33rd

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 to prohibit the purchase of
3 a firearm by any person who is currently a party to a proceeding instituted under Chapter 5
4 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated without permission of the presiding
5 judge; to provide for definitions; to provide for criminal penalties; 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 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by adding a new Code section to
11 read as follows:

12 "16-11-132.1.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'firearm' includes any handgun, rifle, shotgun,
14 or other weapon which will, or can be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an
15 explosive or electrical charge.

16 (b) Any person who is currently a party to a proceeding instituted under Chapter 5 of Title
17 19 and who attempts to purchase a firearm shall be guilty of a misdemeanor unless he or
18 she secures written permission for such purchase from the judge presiding over such
19 proceeding. Such written permission shall be secured in conformance with the laws, rules,
20 and regulations relating to civil pleading, practice, and procedure. Nothing in this
21 subsection shall be construed to apply to any firearm already owned by a party prior to
22 commencement of such proceeding under Chapter 5 of Title 19."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.