

Senate Bill 9 - Senate Prefile

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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 weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so  
3 as to revise the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a  
4 weapons carry license without the payment of certain fees; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 **"(h) Licenses for former law enforcement officers.** Except as otherwise provided in  
12 Code Section 16-11-130, any person who has served as a law enforcement officer for at  
13 least ten of the 12 years immediately preceding the retirement of such person as a law  
14 enforcement officer years and is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and  
15 Benefit Fund provided for under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or from a county, municipal, State  
16 of Georgia, state authority, or federal retirement system shall be entitled to be issued a  
17 weapons carry license as provided for in this Code section without the payment of any of  
18 the fees provided for in this Code section. Such person shall comply with all the other  
19 provisions of this Code section relative to the issuance of such licenses. Any person  
20 seeking to be issued a license pursuant to this subsection shall state his or her qualifications  
21 for eligibility under this subsection on his or her application under oath as provided for in  
22 subsection (a) of this Code section. As used in this subsection, the term 'law enforcement  
23 officer' means any peace officer who is employed by the United States government or by  
24 the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof and who is required by the terms  
25 of his or her employment, whether by election or appointment, to give his or her full time

26 to the preservation of public order or the protection of life and property or the prevention  
27 of crime. Such term shall include conservation rangers."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.