

Senate Bill 197

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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 provide that information
3 relating to persons issued weapons carry licenses shall be confidential; to prohibit the
4 creation or maintenance of any data bases regarding persons issued weapons carry licenses;
5 to provide for verification of licenses; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
6 date; 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 "16-11-129.1.

13 (a) All records and information regarding persons issued weapons carry licenses
14 maintained by the judge of the probate court shall be confidential and not subject to
15 inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

16 (b) The state shall be prohibited from creating or maintaining a data base of information
17 regarding persons issued weapons carry licenses.

18 (c) The judge of the probate court of each county shall be authorized to verify only the
19 legitimacy and validity of a weapons carry license, but shall not be authorized to provide
20 any further information regarding licensees."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.