

House Bill 1506

By: Representative Bell of the 75th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to prohibit the sale, distribution,
3 or use of certain assault weapons; to provide for the registration of assault weapons; to
4 provide for crimes involving the possession, sale, distribution, or use of certain assault
5 weapons; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for
6 exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 dangerous instrumentalities and practices, is amended by adding a new part to read as
11 follows:

12 "Part 3A

13 16-11-139.

14 As used in this part, the term:

15 (1) 'Action of the weapon' means the part of the firearm that loads, fires, or ejects a
16 cartridge and that includes, but is not limited to, the upper and lower receiver, charging
17 handle, forward assist, magazine release, and shell deflector.

18 (2) 'Assault weapon' means:

19 (A) Any selective fire firearm capable of fully automatic, semiautomatic, or burst fire
20 at the option of the user and any part designed or intended for use with such firearm;

21 (B) Any of the following semiautomatic firearms: the Algimec Agmi; Armalite
22 AR-180; Australian Automatic Arms SAP Pistol; Auto-Ordnance Thompson type;
23 Avtomat Kalashnikov AK-47 type; Barrett Light-Fifty model 82A1; Beretta AR-70;
24 Bushmaster Auto Rifle and Auto Pistol; Calico models M-900, M-950, and 100-P;
25 Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88; Colt AR-15 and Sporter; Daewoo K-1, K-2,
26 Max-1, and Max-2; Encom MK-IV, MP-9, and MP-45; Fabrique Nationale FN/FAL,
27 FN/LAR, or FN/FNC; FAMAS MAS 223; Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT; Federal XC 900
28 and XC-450; Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12; Galil AR and ARM; Goncz High-Tech
29 Carbine and High-Tech Long Pistol; Heckler & Koch HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, and
30 SP-89; Holmes MP-83; MAC-10, MAC-11, and MAC-11 Carbine type; Intratec TEC-9
31 and Scorpion; Iver Johnson Enforcer model 3000; Ruger Mini-14/5F folding stock
32 model; Scarab Skorpion; SIG 57 AMT and 500 series; Spectre Auto Carbine and Auto
33 Pistol; Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48, and G-3; Sterling MK-6 and MK-7; Steyr
34 AUG; Street Sweeper and Striker 12 revolving cylinder shotguns; USAS-12; UZI
35 Carbine, Mini-Carbine, and Pistol; Weaver Arms Nighthawk; and Wilkinson Linda
36 Pistol, and any part designed or intended for use with such firearms;

37 (C) Any of the following semiautomatic center-fire rifles: the AK-47; AK-74; AKM;
38 AKS-74U; ARM; MAADI AK47; MAK90; MISR; NHM90; NHM91; Norinco 56,
39 56S, 84S, and 86S; Poly Technologies AKS and AK47; SA 85; SA 93; VEPR;
40 WASR-10; WUM; Rock River Arms LAR-47; Vector Arms AK-47; AR-10; AR-15;
41 Bushmaster Carbon 15; Bushmaster XM15; Bushmaster ACR Rifles; Bushmaster MOE

42 Rifles; Colt Match Target Rifles; Armalite M15; Olympic Arms AR-15, A1, CAR,
43 PCR, K3B, K30R, K16, K48, K8, and K9 Rifles; DPMS Tactical Rifles; Smith &
44 Wesson M&P15 Rifles; Rock River Arms LAR-15; Doublestar AR Rifles; Barrett
45 REC7; Beretta Storm; Calico Liberty 50, 50 Tactical, 100, 100 Tactical, I, I Tactical,
46 II, and II Tactical Rifles; Hi-Point Carbine Rifles; HK-PSG-1; Kel-Tec Sub-2000, SU
47 Rifles, and RFB; Remington Tactical Rifle Model 7615; SAR-8; SAR-4800; SR9; SLG
48 95; SLR 95 and 96; TNW M230 and M2HB; Vector Arms UZI; Galil and Galil Sporter;
49 Daewoo AR 100 and AR 110C; Fabrique Nationale/FN 308 Match and L1A1 Sporter;
50 HK USC; IZHMASH Saiga AK; SIG Sauer 551-A1, 556, 516, 716, and M400 Rifles;
51 Valmet M62S, M71S, and M78S; Wilkinson Arms Linda Carbine; and Barrett
52 M107A1;

53 (D) Any of the following semiautomatic pistols: the Centurion 39 AK; Draco AK-47;
54 HCR AK-47; I.O. Inc. Hellpup AK-47; Mini-Draco AK-47; Yugo Krebs Krink;
55 American Spirit AR-15; Bushmaster Carbon 15; Doublestar Corporation AR; DPMS
56 AR-15; Olympic Arms AR-15; Rock River Arms LAR 15; Calico Liberty III and III
57 Tactical Pistols; Masterpiece Arms MPA Pistols; Velocity Arms VMA Pistols; Intratec
58 TEC-DC9 and AB-10; Colefire Magnum; German Sport 522 PK and Chiappa Firearms
59 Mfour-22; DSA SA58 PKP FAL; I.O. Inc. PPS-43C; Kel-Tec PLR-16 Pistol; Sig Sauer
60 P516 and P556 Pistols; and Thompson TA5 Pistols;

61 (E) IZHMASH Saiga 12 Shotguns;

62 (F) Any semiautomatic firearm which is:

63 (i) A semiautomatic center-fire rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable
64 magazine and has at least one of the following:

65 (I) A folding or telescoping stock;

66 (II) Any grip of the weapon, including, but not limited to, a pistol grip, a forward
67 pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow a
68 person to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to

- 69 the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when
70 firing;
- 71 (III) A flash suppressor; or
- 72 (IV) A grenade launcher or flare launcher;
- 73 (ii) A semiautomatic center-fire rifle that has a fixed magazine with the ability to
74 accept more than ten rounds;
- 75 (iii) A semiautomatic center-fire rifle that has an overall length of less than 30 inches;
- 76 (iv) A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and
77 has at least one of the following:
- 78 (I) An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that attaches at some
79 location outside of the pistol grip;
- 80 (II) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward pistol grip,
81 or silencer;
- 82 (III) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and
83 that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being burned, not including a
84 slide that encloses the barrel; or
- 85 (IV) A second hand grip;
- 86 (v) A semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that has the ability to accept more
87 than ten rounds;
- 88 (vi) A semiautomatic shotgun that has both of the following:
- 89 (I) A folding or telescoping stock; and
- 90 (II) Any grip of the weapon, including, but not limited to, a pistol grip, a forward
91 pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow a
92 person to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to
93 the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when
94 firing;

- 95 (vii) A semiautomatic shotgun that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine;
96 or
97 (viii) A shotgun with a revolving cylinder; or
98 (G) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert such weapons into
99 such firearms.

100 The term 'assault weapon' shall not include any firearm modified to render it permanently
101 inoperable or any firearm, or part or combination of parts of such firearm, that is in the
102 possession of a person for the purpose of serving or repairing such firearm lawfully
103 possessed by its owner under this part.

104 (3) 'Detachable magazine' means an ammunition feeding device that can be removed
105 without disassembling the firearm action.

106 (4) 'Forward pistol grip' means any feature capable of functioning as a grip that can be
107 held by the nontrigger hand.

108 (5) 'Pistol grip' means a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip for the trigger
109 hand.

110 (6) 'Second hand grip' means a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip that is
111 additional to the trigger hand grip.

112 16-11-140.

113 (a) No person shall distribute, transfer, or sell any assault weapon.

114 (b) Any person who distributes or imports an assault weapon into this state shall be guilty
115 of a misdemeanor.

116 (c) Any person who transfers, sells, or gives any assault weapon to a person under the age
117 of 18 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

118 (d) This Code section shall not apply to any person servicing or repairing an assault
119 weapon that is lawfully possessed by its owner under this part.

120 16-11-141.

121 (a) Any person who possesses any assault weapon on July 1, 2024, shall have until
122 October 31, 2024, to register it with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, modify such
123 assault weapon to render it permanently inoperable, or modify such assault weapon so as
124 to permanently render it no longer an assault weapon.

125 (b) Any person who relocates his or her residence to this state and who possesses an
126 assault weapon or who comes to possess such assault weapon through probate shall, within
127 90 days of establishing such residency or the closing of such probate, register it with the
128 Georgia Bureau of Investigation, modify such assault weapon to render it permanently
129 inoperable, or modify such assault weapon so as to permanently render it no longer an
130 assault weapon.

131 (c)(1) Except as provided in this Code section, no person shall possess an assault weapon
132 that is not registered with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

133 (2) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection
134 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

135 16-11-142.

136 Any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon under this part that is lost or stolen
137 from such person shall report such loss or theft to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
138 within 72 hours of the time when such person discovered such loss or theft. Any person
139 who fails to make such report within the time prescribed by this Code section shall be fined
140 not more than \$90.00 for a first offense and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for any
141 subsequent offense under this Code section.

142 16-11-143.

143 This part shall not apply to:

- 144 (1) Any duly authorized police agency of this state or a peace officer of any duly
145 authorized police agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof, a law
146 enforcement officer of any department or agency of the United States who is regularly
147 employed and paid by the United States, this state, or any political subdivision thereof,
148 or an employee of the Department of Corrections of this state who is authorized in
149 writing by the commissioner of corrections to transfer or possess firearms while in the
150 official performance of his or her duties;
- 151 (2) A member of the National Guard or of the armed forces of the United States to wit:
152 the army, navy, marine corps, air force, or coast guard who, while serving therein,
153 possesses assault weapons in the line of duty;
- 154 (3) The possession of an assault weapon by a person who is authorized to possess the
155 same because he or she is in compliance with the dictates of the National Firearms Act,
156 68A Stat. 725 (26 U.S.C. Sections 5841-5862);
- 157 (4) A security officer employed by a federally licensed nuclear power facility or a
158 licensee of such facility, including a contract security officer, who is trained and qualified
159 under a security plan approved by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission or
160 other federal agency authorized to regulate nuclear facility security; provided, however,
161 that this exemption shall apply only while such security officer or licensee is acting in
162 connection with his or her official duties on the premises of such nuclear power facility
163 or on properties outside such facility pursuant to a written agreement entered into with
164 the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over such facility;
- 165 (5) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-117, persons and their agents who are engaged
166 in the manufacture of assault weapons in this state pursuant to federal law;
- 167 (6) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-117, persons and their agents who stock assault
168 weapons for the purpose of selling to police agencies, the National Guard, or the armed
169 forces of the United States; and

170 (7) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-117, persons engaged in sport competition
171 pursuant to rules and regulations of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation."

172 **SECTION 2.**

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