

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 699:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 25-4-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to basic firefighter training courses and transfer of certification, so as to provide that military firefighter training may be accepted as required basic training; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 25-4-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to basic firefighter training courses and transfer of certification, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) ~~Full-time~~, Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, full-time, part-time, and volunteer firefighters, including airport firefighters, shall successfully complete a basic training course. The council shall determine the course content, number of hours, and all other matters relative to basic firefighter training, including airport rescue firefighter training. Upon satisfactory completion of such basic training, a firefighter shall be issued a certificate of completion evidencing the same. Each firefighter shall be required to successfully complete such basic training course within 12 months after being employed or appointed as a firefighter or, in the case of airport firefighters, within such time period as the council may prescribe by rule or regulation.

(2) Each firefighter who presents to the council satisfactory documentation, as determined by the council, of his or her training as a member of the United States armed forces, the Georgia National Guard, or the Georgia Air National Guard shall be issued a certificate of completion by the council."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.