

House Bill 740

By: Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Hitchens of the 161st, Burns of the 159th, Dickson of the 6th, Broadrick of the 4th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions regarding game and fish, so as to provide that full-time military personnel on
3 active duty and their dependents shall be considered residents of this state for procuring
4 certain hunting and fishing licenses in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 27-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 regarding game and fish, is amended by revising paragraph (60) as follows:

10 "(60) 'Resident' means any ~~citizens~~ citizen of the United States who has been domiciled
11 within the State of Georgia for a period of at least three months. For purposes of issuing
12 or procuring the noncommercial hunting and fishing licenses required by this title,
13 ~~residents~~ the term 'resident' shall include full-time military personnel on active duty ~~who~~
14 ~~list Georgia as their home of record in their official military files or who are stationed at~~
15 ~~a military base located in Georgia~~ and the dependents of such military personnel;
16 provided, however, that requirements for residency as defined in paragraph (5) of
17 subsection (e) of Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall apply to such military personnel and their
18 dependents for all lifetime license types listed in Code Section 27-2-3.1 that are only
19 available to residents. Requirements for residency as defined in paragraph (5) of
20 subsection (e) of Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall also apply to such military personnel and
21 their dependents for all honorary license types listed in Code Section 27-2-4 and to the
22 landowner exemption in subsection (b) of Code Section 27-2-1, provided that the
23 domicile requirement shall be a period of at least three months."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.