

Senate Bill 561

By: Senator Payne of the 54th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 disabled veterans and blind persons engaging in peddling, operating businesses, or practicing  
3 professions, so as to remove the requirement that applicants for exemption from certain taxes  
4 and fees shall provide an affidavit representing that such an applicant is not subject to  
5 payment of income taxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 12 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disabled  
10 veterans and blind persons engaging in peddling, operating businesses, or practicing  
11 professions, is amended by revising Code Section 43-12-3 relating to application for  
12 certificate of eligibility and ten-year period of validity, as follows:

13 "43-12-3.

14 All persons within the groups enumerated in Code Section 43-12-1 seeking a certificate of  
15 exemption from the payment of occupation taxes, administrative fees, or regulatory fees  
16 for peddling, conducting a business, or practicing a profession or semiprofession must first

17 make application to the judge of the probate court of the county in which he or she resides  
18 for a certificate of eligibility. ~~Each applicant shall make an affidavit before the judge of~~  
19 ~~the probate court that he or she is not subject to payment of any income taxes to this state.~~  
20 Upon receipt of the evidence required in Code Section 43-12-2 ~~and the execution of the~~  
21 ~~affidavit required by this Code section~~, the judge of the probate court shall issue a  
22 certificate of eligibility stating that the applicant has furnished the proof required for the  
23 issuance of a certificate of exemption required by the commissioner of veterans service.  
24 Such certificate of eligibility shall be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issue."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.