



June 3, 2010

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor of the State of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Perdue,

Senator David Shafer's SB291 is good public policy and deserving of enactment into law. SB291 allows for airport carry which became law when you signed HB89 but was overruled by the federal courts. Now, we are faced with the prospect of federal encroachment from US Representative Hank Johnson and Senator Frank Lautenberg's bills to federalize the total security of all airports throughout the country. Where will this federalism end? We need to make a stand at some point in time and now appears to be a perfect time.

SB291 ends the cruel life time prohibition from qualifying for a GFL by folks convicted of marijuana possession. It improves the physical security of the licenses to minimize fraud. It also removes the needless fingerprint requirement for a license renewal. This is a good bill and worthy of your signature.

As your outstanding term as Governor comes to completion, the members of GeorgiaCarry.Org extend our thanks to you. You've been a champion and advocate for our self-defense rights, not only as Governor but also as a State Senator. Our members benefited from SB678 which you sponsored as a State Senator in 1996. Your SB678 enables Georgians to protect themselves outside Georgia via the reciprocity language. In 2006, you signed SB 396 a pro-self defense bill that provides that a person may meet force with force in defense of one's self, one's home or other property. In 2008, you signed HB89 which expanded the numbers of places Firearm Licensees can carry their self defense tools. We are extremely grateful for all that you have done to increase our self defense rights.

Thank you for your attention to this very important legislation and for your leadership of our great state for the past eight years.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Henry
Executive Director, GeorgiaCarry.Org