House Bill 751

By: Representatives Pullin of the 131st, Cooke of the 18th, Gurtler of the 8th, Singleton of the 71st, Moore of the 1st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-11-173 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to legislative findings, preemption of local regulation and lawsuits, and exceptions, so as to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation in this state involving extreme risk protection orders; to provide for a definition; to prohibit the enforcement of federal and other extreme risk protection orders in this state; to provide for a criminal offense; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Anti-Red Flag - Second Amendment11 Conservation Act."

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SECTION 2.

13 The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads "A well
regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people
to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

17 (2) The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads "The right of
18 the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable
19 searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon
20 probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place
21 to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

(3) The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads "No person shall
be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or
indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the
Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be

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subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be
compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life,
liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for
public use, without just compensation."

30 (4) Red Flag legislation that has been introduced in the United States House of
 31 Representatives and the Georgia House of Representatives violates the Second, Fourth,
 32 and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

- 33 (5) It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to protect the people of Georgia when
- 34 unconstitutional legislation is passed and signed into law or executive orders are issued
- 35 by the United States Federal Government that infringes upon or interferes with people's
- 36 preexisting rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

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SECTION 3.

38 Code Section 16-11-173 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to legislative

findings, preemption of local regulation and lawsuits, and exceptions, is amended by addinga new subsection to read as follows:

- 41 "(b.1)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'extreme risk protection order' means an
 42 executive order or written order or warrant issued by a federal or state court or signed by
- 43 <u>a judge or comparable officer of the court, for which the primary purpose is to reduce the</u>
- 44 <u>risk of firearm related death or injury by doing one or more of the following:</u>
- 45 (A) Prohibiting a named individual from having under his or her custody or control the
 46 ownership, possession, or receipt of a firearm; or
- 47 (B) Removing a firearm or requiring the surrender of firearms from a named
 48 individual.
- 49 (2) Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the General
- 50 Assembly hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation in this state that in
- any way touches upon federal or state extreme risk protection orders against or upon a
 citizen of Georgia.

(3) Any federal statute, rule, or executive order; federal or state judicial order; or judicial
 findings that would have the effect of enforcing an extreme risk protection order or ex
 parte extreme risk protection order against or upon a citizen of Georgia, which would
 infringe upon a citizen's constitutionally protected rights, including, but not limited to,
 the right to due process, the right to keep and bear arms, and the right to free speech, shall

- 58 be null, void, unenforceable, and of no effect in this state.
- 59 (4) Any state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation,
- 60 <u>authority, or political subdivision of this state shall be prohibited from accepting any</u>
- 61 <u>federal grants to implement any federal statute, rule, or executive order; federal or state</u>

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- 62 judicial order; or judicial findings that would have the effect of enforcing an extreme risk
- 63 protection order against or upon a citizen of Georgia.
- 64 (5) Any individual, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement officer, who attempts
- 65 to enforce an extreme risk protection order upon a citizen of Georgia shall be guilty of
- 66 <u>a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than</u>
- 67 three years or by a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00, or both."
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SECTION 4.

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