

Senate Bill 401

By: Senators Kemp of the 3rd, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Harp of the 16th, Hecht of the 34th and Tanksley of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-56 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 suspension of license or driving privilege for failure to respond to citation and reinstatement
3 of license, so as to suspend driving privileges of a person who fails to respond to a traffic
4 citation in federal court; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; 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 40-5-56 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to suspension of
9 license or driving privilege for failure to respond to citation and reinstatement of license, is
10 amended by striking subsection (a) of said Code section and inserting in its place the
11 following:

12 "(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or any other law to the contrary,
13 the department shall suspend the driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in
14 this state of any person who has failed to respond to a citation to appear before a court of
15 competent jurisdiction of this state, ~~or~~ of any other state, or of the United States for a traffic
16 violation other than a parking violation. The department shall forthwith notify such person
17 that his or her license is to be suspended subject to review as provided for in this chapter."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.