

House Bill 1254

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 instruction permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses, so
3 as to exempt residents 17 years of age who previously held drivers' licenses issued by other
4 states from certain requirements for Class D drivers' licenses; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instruction
9 permits, graduated licensing and related restrictions, and temporary licenses, is amended by
10 striking paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(b)(1) Any resident of this state who is at least 16 years of age and who, for a period of
12 at least 12 months, had a valid instruction permit issued under subsection (a) of this Code
13 section may apply to the department for a Class D driver's license to operate a
14 noncommercial Class C vehicle if such resident has otherwise complied with all
15 prerequisites for the issuance of such Class D driver's license as provided in subsection
16 (a) of this Code section, ~~provided;~~ provided, however, that a resident at least 16 years of
17 age who has at any age surrendered to the department a valid instruction permit or
18 driver's license issued by another state or the District of Columbia or who has submitted
19 to the department proof, to the satisfaction of the department, of a valid instruction permit
20 or driver's license issued by another state or the District of Columbia may apply his or
21 her driving record under such previously issued permit or driver's license toward meeting
22 the eligibility requirements for a Class D driver's license the same as if such previously
23 issued permit or driver's license were an instruction permit issued under subsection (a)
24 of this Code section; and provided, further, that a resident at least 17 years of age who has
25 surrendered or submitted satisfactory proof to the department of a valid driver's license
26 issued by another state or the District of Columbia to him or her shall be exempt from the

1 requirement of having held a valid instruction permit for 12 months for purposes of
2 eligibility for a Class D driver's license."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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