

House Bill 249

By: Representatives Lewis of the 14th, Shanahan of the 10th, Smith of the 12th, Hudgens of the 24th, Walker of the 87th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses and reexamination requirements, so as to change
3 certain provisions relating to the year in which licenses shall expire; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 PART I
7 SECTION 1-1.

8 Code Section 40-5-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expiration and
9 renewal of drivers' licenses and reexamination requirements, is amended by striking
10 subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) Every driver's license issued on or after July 1, 2001, shall expire on the licensee's
12 birthday in the ~~fourth~~ tenth year following the issuance of such license. Every such license
13 shall be renewed on or before its expiration upon application, payment of the required fee,
14 and satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (b) of
15 this Code section. Every holder of a veteran's or honorary license issued on or after July
16 1, 2001, shall meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section on or before his
17 or her birthday every ~~four~~ ten years, ~~beginning from the date on which the holder was last~~
18 ~~required to take an examination under former Ga. L. 1972, p. 1076, as amended by Ga. L.~~
19 ~~1973, pp. 916, 917~~ following the issuance of such license. The department may allow a
20 veteran or honorary license holder to retain his or her expired veteran's or honorary license
21 as a souvenir. Drivers' licenses, including without limitation veterans' and honorary
22 licenses, issued prior to July 1, 2001, shall expire according to former provisions of this
23 subsection which were in effect at the time of issuance. The board shall issue such rules
24 and regulations as are required to enforce this subsection."

PART II

SECTION 2-1.

Code Section 40-5-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses and reexamination requirements, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(a) Every driver's license issued on or after July 1, 2001, shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the ~~fourth~~ tenth year following the issuance of such license. Every such license shall be renewed on or before its expiration upon application, payment of the required fee, and satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section. Every holder of a veteran's or honorary license issued on or after July 1, 2001, shall meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section on or before his or her birthday every ~~four~~ ten years, ~~beginning from the date on which the holder was last required to take an examination under former Ga. L. 1972, p. 1076, as amended by Ga. L. 1973, pp. 916, 917~~ following the issuance of such license. The department may allow a veteran or honorary license holder to retain his or her expired veteran's or honorary license as a souvenir. Drivers' licenses, including without limitation veterans' and honorary licenses, issued prior to July 1, 2001, shall expire according to former provisions of this subsection which were in effect at the time of issuance. The commissioner shall issue such rules and regulations as are required to enforce this subsection."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

(a) This Act shall become effective July 1, 2001, except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Each provision amended in Part II of this Act shall become effective and supersede that respective provision amended in Part I of this Act on July 1, 2001, or on such date thereafter as that same provision, as amended by an Act approved April 28, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 951), becomes fully effective pursuant to Section 13-1 of that 2000 Act, whichever is later.

SECTION 3-2.

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