

House Bill 1368

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide for renewal
3 of drivers' licenses upon applications submitted by means other than personal appearance
4 before the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety; to change certain provisions relating to
5 license requirement, surrender of prior licenses, and prohibition of local licenses; to change
6 certain provisions relating to expiration and renewal of licenses and reexamination
7 requirement; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, is amended by striking subsection (c)
12 of Code Section 40-5-20, relating to license requirement, surrender of prior licenses, and
13 prohibition of local licenses, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 "(c) No person shall receive a driver's license unless and until such person surrenders to
15 the department all valid licenses in such person's possession issued to him or her by this
16 or any other jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided by Code Section 40-5-32. All
17 surrendered licenses issued by another jurisdiction shall be destroyed. The license
18 information shall be forwarded to the previous jurisdiction. No person shall be permitted
19 to have more than one valid driver's license at any time."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said article is further amended by striking Code Section 40-5-32, relating to expiration and
22 renewal of licenses and reexamination requirement, and inserting in lieu thereof the
23 following:

1 "40-5-32.

2 (a)(1) Every driver's license shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year
3 following the issuance of such license. Every such license shall be renewed on or before
4 its expiration upon application, payment of the required fee, and, if applicable,
5 satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection ~~(b)~~ (c)
6 of this Code section.

7 (2) Every holder of a veteran's or honorary license shall meet the requirements of
8 subsection ~~(b)~~ (c) of this Code section on or before his or her birthday every four years,
9 beginning from the date on which the holder was last required to take an examination
10 under former Ga. L. 1972, p. 1076, as amended by Ga. L. 1973, pp. 916, 917. The
11 department may allow a veteran or honorary license holder to retain his or her expired
12 veteran's or honorary license as a souvenir.

13 (3) The commissioner shall issue such rules and regulations as are required to enforce
14 this subsection.

15 (b) An application for driver's license renewal may be submitted by means of:

16 (1) Personal appearance before the department; or

17 (2) Subject to rules or regulations of the department which shall be consistent with
18 considerations of public safety and efficiency of service to licensees, means other than
19 such personal appearance which may include without limitation by mail or electronically.

20 The department may by such rules or regulations exempt persons renewing drivers'
21 licenses under this paragraph from the license surrender requirement of subsection (c) of
22 Code Section 40-5-20.

23 ~~(b)~~(c)(1) The department shall require every person applying for renewal of a driver's
24 license to take and pass successfully such test of his or her eyesight as the department
25 shall prescribe, unless otherwise provided by rule or regulation for purposes of
26 paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

27 (2) At the time of the renewal, the department shall issue a pamphlet containing
28 information pertaining to new traffic laws and to traffic laws most frequently violated.

29 (3) The commissioner may issue such rules and regulations as are necessary to
30 implement this subsection."

31 **SECTION 3.**

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