

Senate Bill 464

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st and Walker of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for vehicle stops by
3 police officers; to prohibit police officers from making certain use of race as a factor in their
4 decision to stop a motorist; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by inserting at the end thereof
9 a new Code Section 40-1-8 to read as follows:

10 "40-1-8.

11 A police officer may, upon reasonable belief that any motor vehicle is being operated in
12 violation of any provision of statutory law, require the driver thereof to stop the vehicle,
13 exhibit the registration card issued for the vehicle and the individual's driver's license, and
14 submit to an inspection of the vehicle and license plate. The officer's belief of the violation
15 must be based on specific, articulable facts. The officer may not use a person's race or
16 ethnicity as the sole basis for formulating this belief."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.