

Senate Bill 480

By: Senators Gingrey of the 37th, Crotts of the 17th, Guhl of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Harp of the 16th and others

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 motor vehicle drivers' licenses, so as to
3 change certain provisions relating to issuance of licenses, contents, signature requirements,
4 and fingerprints; to change certain provisions relating to expiration and renewal of drivers'
5 licenses and reexamination requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 issuance, expiration, and renewal of motor vehicle drivers' licenses, is amended by striking
10 Code Section 40-5-28, relating to issuance of licenses, contents, signature requirements, and
11 fingerprints, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "40-5-28.

13 The department shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying
14 therefor a driver's license indicating the type or general class of vehicles the licensee may
15 drive, which license shall be upon a form prescribed by the department and which shall
16 bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, a color photograph of the
17 licensee, the licensee's full name, either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a
18 space upon which the licensee shall write his or her usual signature with a pen and ink
19 immediately upon receipt of the license, and such other information or identification as is
20 required by the department. In addition, any driver's license issued on or after July 1,
21 2002, shall indicate whether or not the licensee is a citizen of the United States. No license
22 shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. Specifically but without limitation,
23 the department may require applicants to submit fingerprints by means of an inkless
24 fingerprint scanning device upon application."

SECTION 2.

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

"(a) Every driver's license shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year following the issuance of such license, except that any driver's license issued to an alien shall expire on any earlier expiration date of such person's legal authorization from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service to remain in the United States. 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 shall meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section on or before his or her birthday every four 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. The department may allow a veteran or honorary license holder to retain his or her expired veteran's or honorary license as a souvenir. The commissioner shall issue such rules and regulations as are required to enforce this subsection."

SECTION 3.

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