

House Bill 1610

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to provide for reporting by courts and compilation by the Department of Motor
3 Vehicle Safety of the amount of speeding fines imposed in certain cases; to provide that the
4 uniform traffic citation form shall include provisions for collecting the information necessary
5 for such reporting and compilation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

9 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
10 amended by adding at the end of Code Section 40-5-53, relating to required court reports of
11 traffic convictions, a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

12 "(d) The information required to be reported under this Code section shall include the
13 amount of all fines imposed for speeding violations which occurred on interstate highways
14 and which were charged by county or municipal law enforcement officers. Based on such
15 submissions the department shall prepare and make available periodic reports of the total
16 amount of such fines imposed in each court in the state and the total amount of such fines
17 imposed on citations issued by each local law enforcement agency in the state."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 40-13-1, relating to promulgation of
20 the uniform traffic citation form, and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as
21 follows:

22 "40-13-1.

23 (a) The commissioner of public safety shall develop a uniform traffic citation and
24 complaint form for use by all law enforcement officers who are empowered to enforce the
25 traffic laws and ordinances in effect in this state. Such form shall serve as the citation,

1 summons, accusation, or other instrument of prosecution of the offense or offenses for
2 which the accused is charged, and as the record of the disposition of the matter by the court
3 before which the accused is brought, and shall contain such other matter as the
4 commissioner shall provide. Each such form shall have a unique identifying number which
5 shall serve as the docket number for the court having jurisdiction of the accused.

6 (b) In addition to all other information on the form, the uniform traffic citation and
7 complaint form shall include a provision for indicating whether or not any offense involved
8 is a speeding violation which:

9 (1) Occurred on an interstate highway; and

10 (2) Was charged by a county or municipal law enforcement officer, as opposed to a state
11 law enforcement officer.

12 Such form shall also include provision for entering onto the citation the amount of the fine,
13 if any, imposed for the speeding violation described in this subsection."

14 **SECTION 3.**

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