

## Senate Bill 2

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 persons not to be issued motor vehicle drivers' licenses, minimum ages for licenses, and  
3 school attendance requirements, so as to require a course of driver education for certain  
4 applicants for drivers' licenses in every county in this state having a population of 220,000  
5 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census;  
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons not to  
9 be issued motor vehicle drivers' licenses, minimum ages for licenses, and school attendance  
10 requirements, is amended by adding a new subsection (a.2) to read as follows:  
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12 "(a.2)(1) In every county in this state having a population of 220,000 or more according  
13 to the United States decennial census of 1990 or any future such census, the department  
14 shall not issue any driver's license to any person who is under 18 years of age unless such  
15 person presents acceptable evidence that he or she satisfactorily completed an approved  
16 driver education course:

17 (A) In a driver training school and under the instruction of a driver training instructor  
18 licensed by the department under Chapter 13 of Title 43, 'The Driver Training School  
19 License Act'; or

20 (B) In a driver education program at a public high school and under the instruction of  
21 a driver training instructor approved by the Department of Education for such a  
22 program.

23 (2) The commissioner shall by rule or regulation establish standards for approval of the  
24 driver education course provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection, provided that such  
25 course shall be designed to educate young drivers about safe driving practices and the

1 traffic laws of this state and to train young drivers in the safe operation of motor  
2 vehicles."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.