

House Bill 138

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To support the national defense by promoting registration of certain Georgia residents with
2 the United States Selective Service System as required by federal law; to provide for
3 transmittal of information regarding certain persons to the United States Selective Service
4 System; to require registration with the United States Selective Service System or consent
5 thereto at the time of application of certain persons for issuance or renewal of drivers'
6 licenses or identification cards; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official
7 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle drivers'
8 licenses, so as to provide for the foregoing; to provide legislative findings and declarations;
9 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- 13 (1) Military service of citizens of this state in the armed forces of the United States has
14 been and will remain a critical contribution to the national defense;
- 15 (2) The United States Selective Service System plays a crucial role in ensuring that the
16 nation can rapidly call up citizens for military duty in time of need;
- 17 (3) Certain persons are required by federal law to register with the United States
18 Selective Service System;
- 19 (4) Significant and detrimental consequences imposed by law await those who shun their
20 duty and fail to register for the United States Selective Service System as required,
21 including loss of eligibility for certain government programs and employment; and
- 22 (5) The purpose of this Act is to support the national defense by promoting registration
23 of certain Georgia residents with the United States Selective Service System as required
24 by federal law.

25 **SECTION 2.**

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Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle drivers' licenses, is amended in Code Section 40-5-2, relating to keeping of records of applications for licenses and information on licensees and furnishing of information, by striking the introductory language and paragraph (1) of subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(f) The department is specifically authorized to disseminate the following records and information:

(1) To the United States Selective Service System and the Georgia Crime Information Center, compilations of the names, most current addresses, license or identification card numbers, and dates of birth of licensees or applicants for licenses or applicants for or holders of identification cards issued under this chapter, or, in the case of the United States Selective Service System, any other information from the license or identification card application as necessary for purposes of registration of persons therewith. Such information shall only be used in the fulfillment of the legitimate governmental duties of the United States Selective Service System and the Georgia Crime Information Center and shall not be further disseminated to any person. Information transmitted to the United States Selective Service System pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided in an electronic format;".

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code Section 40-5-7 to read as follows:

"40-5-7.

(a) Any male United States citizen or immigrant who applies for any driver's license or identification card issued under this chapter, including without limitation any instruction permit, limited driving permit, provisional driver's license, or commercial driver's license, or for renewal thereof, and who is less than 26 years of age shall be registered in compliance with the requirements of Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act, 50 App. U.S.C.A. Section 451, et seq., as amended.

(b) The signature of any applicant described in subsection (a) of this Code section submitted to the department in application for such license or identification card issuance or renewal shall serve as an indication that the applicant either has registered already with the United States Selective Service System or that he is authorizing the department to forward to the United States Selective Service System the necessary information for such registration. The department shall notify the applicant at the time of application that his signature constitutes consent to be registered with the United States Selective Service System if he is not already so registered. The department shall, as soon as practical following such application and in accordance paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code

1 Section 40-5-2, forward the necessary personal information of the applicant to the United
2 States Selective Service System for purposes of registration therewith at such time as
3 required by federal law."

4 **SECTION 4.**

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