

House Bill 28 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Stancel of the 16th, Wiles of the 34th and Smith of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-5-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expiration and renewal of motor vehicle drivers' licenses and reexaminations, so as to provide for remote renewal of certain drivers' licenses; to provide for certain reports; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-5-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expiration and renewal of motor vehicle drivers' licenses and reexaminations, is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c)(1) In addition to providing for renewal of drivers' licenses for licensees making applications for renewals in person at facilities staffed by the department, the department shall initiate a pilot program which, not later than July 1, 2002, provides certain licensees the option of remote renewals of drivers' licenses upon applications submitted to the department either by electronic means of computer Internet communications or by mail, subject to the requirements of this Code section.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the department may provide for electronic or mail submission of results of eyesight examinations required by subsection (b) of this Code section and obtained by licensed physicians, ophthalmologists, and optometrists; provided, however, that any person conducting an eyesight examination solely for the purpose of a remote driver's license renewal shall not charge any fee exceeding \$10.00 for such examination and reporting of results.

(3) The department may impose, in addition to all other fees provided by law, a remote renewal surcharge of not more than \$5.00 on any driver's license renewed after July 1, 2002, by means of computer Internet communications or by mail.

(4) The department shall accept payment of all fees and surcharges for such remote renewals by means of valid credit cards, and the provisions of subsections (f) and (g) of

1 Code Section 50-1-6 shall apply to such transactions; the remaining provisions of Code
2 Section 50-1-6 shall not apply to such transactions."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 The Department of Public Safety or the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, whichever is
5 applicable, shall report to the House Motor Vehicles Committee and the Senate Public Safety
6 Committee during the 2002 regular session of the General Assembly but not later than
7 January 31, 2002, regarding said department's plans and progress regarding implementation
8 of the provisions of this Act.

9 **SECTION 3.**

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