

House Bill 983

By: Representative Squires of the 78th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 requiring drivers' licenses, surrender of prior licenses, and prohibiting local drivers' licenses,
3 so as to allow persons with valid drivers' licenses issued by a border state or country to drive
4 a motor vehicle in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-5-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requiring
9 drivers' licenses, surrender of prior licenses, and prohibiting local drivers' licenses, is
10 amended by striking subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(a) No person, ~~except those expressly exempted in this chapter~~, shall drive any motor
12 vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person has a valid driver's license under
13 this chapter for the type or class of vehicle being driven, or the person has a valid driver's
14 license issued by a state which borders Georgia, or the person has a valid driver's license
15 issued by a country which borders the United States, or the person is expressly exempted
16 in this chapter. Any person who is a resident of this state for 30 days shall obtain a Georgia
17 driver's license before operating a motor vehicle in this state, except those persons who
18 have a valid driver's license issued by a state which borders Georgia or by a country which
19 borders the United States."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.