

House Bill 12

By: Representatives Franklin of the 17th, Joyce of the 2nd, Massey of the 24th, Douglas of the 73rd, Williams of the 4th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor
2 vehicle drivers' licenses, so as to change certain provisions relating to definitions; to change
3 certain provisions relating to issuance of licenses, contents, signature requirements, and
4 fingerprints; to change certain provisions relating to expiration and renewal of drivers'
5 licenses and reexamination requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle
9 drivers' licenses, is amended by striking paragraph (15) of Code Section 40-5-1, relating to
10 definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(15) 'Resident' means a person who has a permanent home or abode in Georgia to
12 which, whenever such person is absent, he or she has the intention of returning. For the
13 purposes of this chapter, there is a rebuttable presumption that the following person is a
14 resident:

15 (A) Any person who accepts employment or engages in any trade, profession, or
16 occupation in Georgia or enters his or her children to be educated in the private or
17 public schools of Georgia within ten days after the commencement of such employment
18 or education; or

19 (B) Any person who, except for infrequent, brief absences, has been present in the state
20 for 30 or more days;

21 provided, however, that no person shall be considered a resident for purposes of this
22 chapter unless such person is either a United States citizen or an alien with documented
23 proof of legal authorization from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service."

