

House Bill 153

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 related to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide for
3 pedestrian safety procedures to be covered on the driver's examination and to be included
4 in any manual prepared in preparation for such examination; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to
9 issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, is amended by striking subsection (a)
10 of Code Section 40-5-27 and inserting in its place the following:
11 "(a) The department shall examine every applicant for a driver's license. Such examination
12 shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his or her ability to understand official
13 traffic-control devices, ~~and~~ his or her knowledge of safe driving practices and the traffic
14 laws of this state, and laws related to pedestrian safety and shall also include a
15 comprehensive on-the-road driving test during which the applicant shall be required to
16 fully demonstrate his or her ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the
17 operation of a motor vehicle of the type or general class of vehicles he or she desires a
18 license to drive; provided, however, that the on-the-road driving test requirement shall not
19 apply to any applicant for a Class C driver's license who holds a Class D driver's license
20 issued on or after January 1, 2002. Any manual prepared in preparation for the examination
21 shall include the material to be covered on the examination. Applicants 18 years of age and
22 older with valid and current licenses issued by another state of the United States or the
23 District of Columbia who surrender their previous licenses to obtain a Georgia license shall
24 be exempt from taking such tests other than tests of eyesight. The examination may also
25 include such further physical and mental examination as the department finds necessary to
26 determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways. The

1 commissioner may establish by rules and regulations the type of tests or demonstrations
2 to be made by applicants for any class of license."

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SECTION 2.

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