

House Bill 171

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 notice of the issuance, renewal, or termination of motor vehicle liability insurance, so as to
3 provide for an exception regarding with respect to certain military personnel; to provide an
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notice of the
8 issuance, renewal, or termination of motor vehicle liability insurance, is amended by striking
9 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and inserting in its place a new paragraph (2) to read as
10 follows:

11 "(2) 'Terminate' or 'termination' means actual cessation of insurance coverage for any
12 reason other than as specified under subparagraph (b)(1)(B) of this Code section,
13 including without limitation cancellation, nonrenewal, or nonpayment of premium, and
14 without regard to whether such cessation was preceded by any extension or grace period
15 allowed by the insurer."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 Said Code section is further amended by striking subparagraph (b)(1)(B) and inserting in its
18 place a new subparagraph (b)(1)(B) to read as follows:

19 "(B)(i) Except as provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph, in In cases in which
20 the minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage required by Chapter 34 of Title 33
21 terminates, the insurer shall by electronic transmission notify the department of such
22 coverage termination on or before the date coverage ends or, if termination is at the
23 request of the insured, then on the date such request is processed by the insurer.
24 Insurance coverage termination information included in such notice shall include
25 vehicle identification number and the date of coverage termination. For the purposes

1 of this Code section, the Commissioner of Insurance shall furnish such notices to the
2 department upon termination of a certificate of self-insurance.

3 (ii) The requirements of division (i) of this subparagraph shall not apply where the
4 sole reason for termination of coverage is due to the insured being a member of the
5 armed forces of the United States stationed in a foreign country pursuant to military
6 orders specifying a permanent or temporary change of station. The exception
7 provided by this division shall only apply during the qualifying period specified in the
8 military orders or during the qualifying period of subsequent military orders issued
9 which result in another change of station in a foreign country if a copy of such orders
10 has been provided to the insurer by the insured."

11 **SECTION 3.**

12 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
13 without such approval.

14 **SECTION 4.**

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