

Senate Bill 89

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Harp of the 16th, Hudgens of the 47th, Balfour of the 9th, Cagle of the 49th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of motor vehicle drivers' licenses, is amended by striking Code Section 40-5-28, relating to issuance of licenses, contents, signature requirements, and fingerprints, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"40-5-28.

The department shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor a driver's license indicating the type or general class of vehicles the licensee may drive, which license shall be upon a form prescribed by the department and which shall bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, a color photograph of the licensee, the licensee's full name, either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the licensee shall write his or her usual signature with a pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license, and such other information or identification as is required by the department. In addition, any driver's license issued on or after July 1, 2003, shall indicate whether the licensee is a citizen of the United States. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. Specifically, but without limitation, the department may require applicants to submit fingerprints by means of an inkless fingerprint scanning device upon application."

**SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-32, relating to expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses and reexamination requirements, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(a)(1) Every driver's license shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year following the issuance of such license, provided that any driver's license issued to an alien shall expire on the date on which such alien's legal authorization from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service to remain in the United States expires or on the alien's birthday in the fourth year following the issuance of such license, whichever occurs first. Every such license shall be renewed on or before its expiration upon application, payment of the required fee, and, if applicable, satisfactory completion of the examination required or authorized by subsection (c) of this Code section."

**SECTION 3.**

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