

House Bill 863

By: Representatives Noel of the 44th, Stephens of the 123rd, and Black of the 144th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions of the uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for a condition
3 of probation; to provide for a bumper sticker indicating conviction of certain offenses to be
4 displayed on the vehicle driven by certain offenders; to provide for a driver's license with
5 the restriction of probation endorsed thereon; to provide for notice to the department; to
6 provide for a temporary license; to provide for penalties for violation; to provide for related
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 general provisions of the uniform rules of the road, is amended by adding a new Code
12 Section 40-6-16 to read as follows:

13 "40-6-16.

14 (a) A court of competent jurisdiction may require as a condition of probation any person
15 who is convicted of or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a violation of subsection (a) of
16 Code Section 40-5-54, any offense for which six or more points are assessable for a single
17 conviction under Code Section 40-5-57, or any offense listed in Article 15 of Chapter 6 of
18 Title 40, if he or she is otherwise authorized by law to drive any motor vehicle following
19 such conviction or plea, to display a bumper sticker indicating that the person has been
20 convicted of or pled nolo contendere to such offense whenever driving a motor vehicle
21 during a period of such probation to be determined by the court.

22 (b) The court shall notify the department of any condition of probation imposed pursuant
23 to subsection (a) of this Code section, and the condition of probation shall be noted on the
24 person's driving record by the department. Violation of any condition of probation
25 imposed pursuant to this Code section shall authorize the judge in his or her discretion to
26 suspend the person's driver's license for a period not exceeding six months or to revoke

1 any limited driving permit issued to such person. The court shall notify the department of
2 any such revocation of a permit or suspension of a driver's license.

3 (c) The court shall forward the license and a processing fee of \$25.00 to the department,
4 which shall reissue the license with the restriction endorsed thereon and shall return the
5 license by mail to the person at the address listed on the license or such other address as
6 provided by such person. A copy of the notice of transmittal to the department shall serve
7 as a temporary license for 30 days or until such time as the department shall issue a license
8 with the restriction endorsed thereon, whichever is sooner. The department may extend the
9 30 day period for good cause.

10 (d) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions
11 imposed in a restricted license issued to him or her, or in violation of any restriction
12 imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

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