

Senate Bill 280

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-137 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a
2 notice of termination of motor vehicle liability insurance, lapse fee, and promulgation of
3 rules and regulations, so as to provide that a member of the armed forces on ordered military
4 duty abroad may terminate or suspend liability insurance on each motor vehicle registered
5 to him or her; to provide for a form of reporting to the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety;
6 to provide that such person shall ensure that the motor vehicle will not be operated until
7 insurance is restored; to provide for the restoration of insurance; to provide an exemption
8 from certain fees; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
9 purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 40-2-137 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a notice of
13 termination of motor vehicle liability insurance, lapse fee, and promulgation of rules and
14 regulations, is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e) and by inserting
15 immediately following subsection (c) a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

16 "(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code section, any member of the armed
17 forces leaving the country on ordered military duty may terminate or suspend insurance
18 coverage on each motor vehicle registered in his or her name for the period of such ordered
19 foreign assignment by complying with the provisions for cancellation set forth in Code
20 Section 33-24-44.1 and with the provisions of this subsection. Such person shall notify the
21 department in such manner as prescribed by the department, which shall include, without
22 limitation, the location where each vehicle will be stored during the period of foreign duty,
23 the means taken to ensure that the vehicle will not be operated during that time, and the
24 name and address of the person responsible for the vehicle during such period. Such notice
25 shall also include a copy of the orders requiring overseas duty and the estimated date of
26 return. A person complying with the provisions of this subsection shall ensure that the

1 motor vehicle is not operated until insurance is restored and shall restore insurance within
2 15 days after his or her return from such foreign duty. A termination or suspension of
3 insurance coverage in compliance with this subsection shall not be considered a lapse of
4 insurance coverage under subsection (c) of the Code section and shall not be subject to the
5 assessment of any fee under such subsection."

6 **SECTION 2.**

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

9 **SECTION 3.**

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