Senate Bill 64

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1   To amend Code Section 40-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the

2   requirement that officers enforcing traffic laws have a blue light on the roof of their vehicles,

3   so as to repeal the requirement that officers enforcing traffic laws have a blue light on the

4   roof of their vehicles; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

5   purposes.

6   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7   **SECTION 1.**

8   Code Section 40-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the requirement

9   that officers enforcing traffic laws have a blue light on the roof of their vehicles, is amended

10   by striking the Code section and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 40-1-7 to read

11   as follows:

12   "40-1-7.

13   ~~Whenever pursuing a person in violation of a traffic related offense, a uniformed law~~

14   ~~enforcement officer who is assigned routinely or primarily to traffic law enforcement or~~

15   ~~other traffic safety duties on the roadways or highways of this state must place a visible~~

16   ~~blue light on the roof of his or her vehicle if such vehicle is not equipped with permanent~~

17   ~~roof mount blue lights; provided, however, that the provisions of this Code section shall~~

18   ~~not apply to law enforcement officers operating vehicles manufactured prior to 2001. This~~

19   ~~Code section shall not apply to any officer assigned to special operations activities or~~

20   ~~responding to an immediate threat to public safety as a result of an accident or other~~

21   ~~emergency. An otherwise lawful arrest shall not be invalidated or in any manner affected~~

22   ~~by failure to comply with this Code section~~ Reserved."

23   **SECTION 2.**

24   This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law

25   without such approval.

1   **SECTION 3.**

2   All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.