

House Bill 256

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 requirements for issuance of drivers' licenses and instruction permits, so as to provide that  
3 a Class D license holder may transport only one other passenger in the vehicle who is less  
4 than 21 years of age and is not a member of the driver's immediate family; to provide for  
5 applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements  
10 for issuance of drivers' licenses and instruction permits, is amended by striking in its entirety  
11 division (b)(2)(B)(i) and inserting in its place the following:

12 "(B)(i) Any Class D license holder shall not drive a Class C motor vehicle upon the  
13 public roads, streets, or highways of this state when more than ~~three~~ one other  
14 ~~passengers~~ passenger in the vehicle who ~~are~~ is not ~~members~~ a member of the driver's  
15 immediate family ~~are~~ is less than 21 years of age."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall not apply to any offense committed before July 1, 2005. Any such offense  
18 shall be punishable as provided by the statute in effect at the time the offense was committed.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.