

House Bill 277

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to issuance, expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that driver  
3 training schools must be licensed and in operation for two years before being authorized to  
4 conduct on-the-road driving tests; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective  
5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 issuance, expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses, is amended by striking subsection (e)  
10 of Code Section 40-5-27, relating to examination of applicants for drivers' licenses, and  
11 inserting in its place the following:

12 "(e) If the department determines that the pilot program provided for in subsection (d) of  
13 this Code section is successful, it shall authorize licensed driver training schools to conduct  
14 on-the-road driving tests as provided in this subsection. The department shall, prior to  
15 approving a licensed driver training school to conduct on-the-road driving tests as provided  
16 in this subsection, make a determination that the school has been licensed for a minimum  
17 of ~~one year~~ two years and has conducted driver education ~~and adult education courses~~ on  
18 a full-time basis for such ~~one year~~ two-year period and that such school meets all other  
19 standards which the department may establish as a condition for approval to conduct such  
20 tests. The department shall authorize a driver training school licensed pursuant to Chapter  
21 13 of Title 43 and approved by the department to administer the testing provided for in this  
22 Code section, provided that the applicant has successfully completed a driver training  
23 course which includes a minimum of 30 class hours of instruction and six hours of private  
24 in-car training. The department may establish by rules and regulations the type of tests or  
25 demonstrations to be made by applicants for any Class C or Class D driver's license under  
26 this Code section."

1 **SECTION 2.**

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

4 **SECTION 3.**

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