

Senate Bill 234

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Hudgens of the 47th, Zamarripa of the 36th, Hill of the 4th and Adelman of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-137 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions, notification of insurance coverage termination, and the lapse fee, so as to provide
3 for a ten-day period before lapse fees are applied for termination of insurance coverage; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-137 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions,
8 notification of insurance coverage termination, and the lapse fee, is amended by striking
9 paragraph (1) of subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(c)(1) When proof of minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage is provided within the
11 time period specified in this Code section, but there has been a lapse of coverage for a
12 period of more than ten days, the owner shall remit a \$25.00 lapse fee to the department.
13 Failure to remit the lapse fee to the department within 30 days of the date on which the
14 notification was mailed by the department will result in the suspension of the owner's
15 motor vehicle registration by operation of law as if the proof had not been provided in a
16 timely manner as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection. If any lapse fee provided
17 for in this Code section is paid to the county tax commissioner, the county shall retain
18 \$5.00 thereof as a collection fee."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.