

House Bill 1069

By: Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Brown of the 69th, Hill of the 21st, Knox of the 24th,
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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 establish a young
3 driver tracking service; to provide for methods of tracking young drivers; to provide for use
4 of the tracking service by the courts; to provide for registration of the service with the
5 Department of Driver Services; to provide for insurance deductions for users of the tracking
6 service; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

10 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, is amended by adding a new Code
12 section immediately following Code Section 40-5-22.1, relating to the reinstatement of the
13 driver's license of a child under 16 years of age convicted of driving under the influence of
14 alcohol or drugs, to read as follows:

15 "40-5-22.2.

16 (a) As used in this Code section, 'young driver tracking service' means an entity that
17 enables parents or guardians to monitor the driving performance of their children who are
18 18 years of age or younger. The service may provide tracking by either or both of the
19 following methods:

20 (1) The posting of a placard on the driver's vehicle that shows a toll-free telephone
21 number and a unique identifying number and also includes a request to members of the
22 public to call the toll-free telephone number to report inappropriate driving practices.
23 The young driver tracking service shall enter into a contract with the parents or guardians
24 under which the service promises to timely forward to the parents or guardians all reports
25 of inappropriate driving practices by the young driver; and

1 (2) The use of global positioning system enabled wireless telephones or similar
2 technologies. The young driver tracking service shall enter into a contract with the
3 parents or guardians under which the service promises to provide the parents with
4 real-time information about the location and speed of movement of the young driver or
5 the vehicle in which the young driver is traveling.

6 (b) A young driver tracking service shall register with the Department of Driver Services.
7 The registration shall consist of a narrative description of the services offered by the
8 service, the name of the manager in charge of the service, and the service's address and
9 telephone number. A fee for registration shall be established by the department.
10 Registration under this subsection remains valid for one year, and it is the responsibility
11 of the young driver tracking service to timely file a revised registration statement to reflect
12 any changes in the required information. If the department determines that the service is
13 not providing the services described in the narrative statement, the department may suspend
14 the registration, provided that the department may reinstate the registration when the
15 service files an acceptable statement reflecting its actual practices.

16 (c) If a court finds that a driver who is 18 years of age or younger has committed any
17 violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state, the court may require the driver and his or
18 her parents or guardian to participate in a registered young driver tracking service as
19 described in this Code section.

20 (d) If a court finds that a driver who is 18 years of age or younger has committed any of
21 the following offenses, the court shall require the driver and his or her parents or guardian
22 to participate in a registered young driver tracking service as described in this Code
23 section:

- 24 (1) Hit and run;
- 25 (2) Leaving the scene of an accident;
- 26 (3) Using a vehicle to flee an officer;
- 27 (4) Driving under the influence of alcohol; or
- 28 (5) Possession of illegal drugs in the vehicle.

29 (e) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the liability, personal injury
30 protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy may provide for an
31 appropriate reduction in premium charges if any driver covered under the policy is a young
32 driver who is participating in a registered young driver tracking service as described in this
33 Code section."

34 SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

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