

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to SB 25:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to provide for penalties for making a false statement, committing false swearing,
3 or aiding or abetting another to do so; to require an owner of a vehicle, unless otherwise
4 exempt, to present a valid Georgia driver's license or identification card when registering or
5 renewing the registration of a vehicle; to provide for verification of vehicles registered in
6 other countries or territories; to modify the exemptions to the requirement that drivers of
7 motor vehicles have a valid driver's license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an
8 effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
12 amended by revising Code Section 40-2-3, relating to false statement in application as
13 constituting false swearing, as follows:

14 "40-2-3.

15 Any person who knowingly shall make any false statement in any application for the
16 registration of any vehicle, or in transferring any certificate of registration, or in applying
17 for a new certificate of registration, and any person who knowingly aids or abets another
18 to do so, shall be guilty of false swearing, whether or not an oath is actually administered
19 to him or her, if such statement shall purport to be under oath. On conviction of such
20 offense, such person shall be punished as provided by Code Section ~~16-10-71~~ by a fine of
21 not more than \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years,
22 or both."

1 further, that a consular matriculation card shall not satisfy any of the requirements of this
2 paragraph:"

3 **SECTION 5.**

4 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-125, relating to fraudulent driver's license
5 or identification card and false statements in applications, by revising subsection (b) as
6 follows:

7 "(b) Any person who knowingly makes any false statement in an application for a driver's
8 license provided for by this chapter, and any person who knowingly aids or abets another
9 to do so, shall be guilty of ~~a violation of Code Section 16-10-20~~ making a false statement
10 and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or by
11 imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years, or both."

12 **SECTION 6.**

13 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008, and shall apply to all initial applications for
14 tags submitted on or after that date and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after that
15 date.

16 **SECTION 7.**

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