

House Bill 258

By: Representative Scott of the 153rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 qualifications for a driver's license, so as to allow a minor of a permanently disabled guardian
3 or parent to obtain a restricted learner's permit at the age of 14; to provide for related matters;
4 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 qualifications for a driver's license, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, any person 14
10 years of age who has a parent or guardian who is medically incapable of being licensed to
11 operate a motor vehicle due to visual impairment or a permanent disability may apply for
12 and, subject to the approval of the commissioner, may be issued a restricted noncommercial
13 Class P instruction permit for the operation of a noncommercial Class C vehicle. Any
14 person permitted pursuant to this subsection shall be accompanied by such visually
15 impaired or permanently disabled parent or guardian whenever operating a motor vehicle.
16 For purposes of this subsection, 'permanent disability' means a physical or mental
17 impairment which substantially limits a person's ability to drive and is expected to last for
18 at least 24 months."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.