

House Bill 258 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Scott of the 153rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 issuance of instruction permits, so as to allow a holder of a valid instruction permit to drive
3 with a disabled guardian or parent who has been issued an identification card containing the
4 international handicapped symbol; 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 Code Section 40-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the issuance of
9 instruction permits, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a)(1)(A) Any resident of this state who is at least 15 years of age may apply to the
11 department for an instruction permit to operate a noncommercial Class C vehicle. The
12 department shall, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination
13 referred to in Code Section 40-5-27 other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an
14 instruction permit which shall entitle the applicant, while having such permit in his or
15 her immediate possession, to drive a Class C vehicle upon the public highways for a
16 period of two years when accompanied by a person at least 21 years of age who is
17 licensed as a driver for a commercial or noncommercial Class C vehicle, who is fit and
18 capable of exercising control over the vehicle, and who is occupying a seat beside the
19 driver.

20 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, any person
21 holding a valid Class C instructional permit may drive a Class C motor vehicle when
22 accompanied by a disabled parent or guardian who has been issued an identification
23 card containing the international handicapped symbol pursuant to Article 8 of this
24 chapter."

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.