

Senate Bill 231

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to Georgia Driver's Education Commission, so as to extend the sunset provisions for
3 the additional sums collected on fines for the purpose of funding the commission and driver
4 education and training in Georgia; 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 Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 Georgia Driver's Education Commission, is amended by revising Code Section 15-21-179,
10 relating to additional penalty for violation of traffic laws or ordinances, as follows:

11 "15-21-179.

12 (a) In every case in which any court in this state shall impose a fine or bond payment,
13 which shall be construed to include costs, for any violation of the traffic laws of this state
14 or for violations of ordinances of political subdivisions which have adopted by reference
15 the traffic laws of this state, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty a sum equal to
16 5 percent of the original fine.

17 (b) Such sums shall be in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension,
18 annuity, or retirement fund under Title 47 or any other law and in addition to any other
19 amounts provided for in this article.

20 (c) The fee amount provided for in this Code section shall be subject to revision if it is not
21 fully appropriated for use by the Georgia Driver's Education Commission as intended by
22 this article. If the appropriated amount for any fiscal year is less than 80 percent of the
23 amount collected by the fee, then the amount of the fee shall be reduced automatically by
24 operation of this Code section by 20 percent for the subsequent fiscal year. Any fee
25 amount adjusted pursuant to this subsection shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar
26 amount. Immediately following the date the General Appropriations Act for the newly

27 commencing fiscal year is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such
28 approval, the Office of Planning and Budget shall notify the appropriate collecting agency
29 of the adjusted fee amount.

30 ~~(e)~~(d) This Code section shall be repealed in its entirety on June 30, ~~2013~~ 2018, unless
31 extended by an Act of the General Assembly."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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

35 **SECTION 3.**

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