

House Bill 1047

By: Representative Moore of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to special provisions for motorcycles relative to uniform rules of the
3 road, so as to provide that motorcycles may overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by
4 the vehicle being overtaken under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to special provisions for motorcycles relative to uniform rules of the road, is
10 amended by revising Code Section 40-6-312, relating to operating a motorcycle on roadway
11 laned for traffic, as follows:

12 "40-6-312.

13 (a) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane, and no motor vehicle shall be driven
14 in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This subsection
15 shall not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

16 (b) The operator of a motorcycle ~~shall not~~ may overtake and pass in the same lane
17 occupied by the vehicle being overtaken only if:

18 (1) The vehicle being overtaken is traveling no more than 30 miles per hour; and

19 (2) The motorcycle is not traveling more than ten miles per hour faster than the vehicle
20 being overtaken.

21 ~~(c) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lanes~~
22 ~~or rows of vehicles.~~

23 ~~(d)~~(c) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

24 ~~(e)~~(d) A person operating a motorcycle shall at all times keep his or her headlights and
25 taillights illuminated.

26 ~~(f)(e) Subsections~~ The restrictions in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) and (c) of
27 this Code section shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official
28 duties."

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SECTION 2.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.