

House Bill 474

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Jackson of the 128th, Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to require the Department of
3 Driver Services in any republication of its drivers' manual to include instructions for best
4 practices for facilitating the safety of all parties during a traffic stop by law enforcement; to
5 provide for collaboration; to require the Office of Highway Safety to promote such
6 instructions in certain planned projects or campaigns of a highly visible nature; to provide
7 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to
12 read as follows:

13 "40-5-10.

14 (a) In every republication after July 1, 2017, of any manual published by the department
15 for purposes of instructing individuals about motor vehicle and traffic laws, rules, and
16 regulations in this state, the department shall include instructions on best practices for
17 facilitating the safety of all parties during a traffic stop by a law enforcement officer. The
18 department may collaborate with the Department of Public Safety in the development of
19 such instructions.

20 (b) Upon the publication of such instructions in a manual by the department, the Office of
21 Highway Safety shall incorporate the promotion of, or reference to, such instructions at
22 least once annually in any planned highly visible project or public advertising campaign;
23 provided, however, that the Office of Highway Safety shall not be required to devise
24 otherwise unplanned projects or campaigns specifically for the promotion of or reference
25 to such instructions."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.