

The House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil offers the following substitute to SB 208:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and  
2 traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of a Class C driver's license to operators of certain  
3 three-wheeled motor vehicles; to exempt operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles  
4 from headgear and eye-protective device requirements; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
9 amended in Code Section 40-5-23, relating to classes of licenses, by revising subsection (c)  
10 as follows:

11 "(c) The noncommercial classes of motor vehicles for which operators may be licensed  
12 shall be as follows:

13 Class C — Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000  
14 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in  
15 excess of 10,000 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight  
16 rating in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided that the combination of vehicles has a gross  
17 combined vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds, any three-wheeled motor  
18 vehicle that is equipped with ~~a steering wheel for directional control~~ seatbelts and a frame  
19 to partially or fully enclose the operator, and any self-propelled or towed vehicle that is  
20 equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel  
21 purposes and is used solely as a family or personal conveyance; except that any  
22 combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds  
23 may be operated under such class of license if such combination of vehicles ~~are~~ is  
24 controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products, livestock,  
25 farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm, and are not used in the operations of  
26 a common or contract carrier;

27 Class D — Provisional license applicable to noncommercial Class C vehicles for which  
 28 an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive;

29 Class E — Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001  
 30 pounds or more, provided that the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles  
 31 being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles included within Class F and  
 32 Class C;

33 Class F — Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or  
 34 more, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess  
 35 of 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles included within Class C;

36 Class M — Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and three-wheeled motorcycles not  
 37 equipped with handlebars for directional control seatbelts and a frame to partially or fully  
 38 enclose the operator;

39 Class P — Instruction permit applicable to all types of vehicles for which an applicant  
 40 desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-315, relating to headgear and  
 43 eye-protective devices for riders, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

44 "(c) This Code section shall not apply to persons riding within an enclosed cab or  
 45 motorized cart or a three-wheeled motor vehicle equipped with seatbelts and a frame to  
 46 partially or fully enclose the operator. This Code section shall not apply to a person  
 47 operating a three-wheeled motorcycle used only for agricultural purposes."

48 **SECTION 3.**

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