

Senate Bill 115

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Harper of the 7th, Payne of the 54th and Cowsert of the 46th

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 provide for an instructional  
3 course or presentation educating drivers and the public on the best practices to implement  
4 when interacting with law enforcement officers; to provide for duties by the Department of  
5 Driver Services and the Department of Public Safety; to provide for instructional content; to  
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "40-5-10.

13 The department, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, shall offer an  
14 instructional course or presentation to educate drivers and the public on the best practices  
15 to implement when interacting with law enforcement officers. Such instructional course  
16 or presentation shall be designed by the Department of Public Safety and shall be hosted  
17 in locations provided for by the department and will include, but not be limited to,

18 electronic and video formats. Such instructional course shall be authorized for use as part  
19 of other driver education programs provided for by law or by educational institutions. Such  
20 course shall be designed to include the following information:

21 (1) The best practices of what a driver should do during a traffic stop initiated by a law  
22 enforcement officer;

23 (2) Recommendations for interacting with law enforcement officers during traffic stops;

24 (3) The consequences associated with continuous citations and habitual violations; and

25 (4) Understanding officer discretion and legal precedents which provide the grounds for  
26 a law enforcement officer's actions, which may include, but not be limited to, requesting  
27 identification, use of force, detainment, pursuits, and legal warnings."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.