

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

**AS PASSED SENATE**

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 used as part of other driver  
19 education programs provided for by law by educational institutions, the department, and  
20 driver training schools licensed by the department. Such course shall be designed to  
21 include the following information:

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

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

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

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

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## **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.