

House Bill 38

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so  
2 as to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation  
3 of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to  
4 provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of  
5 motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control; to provide for the manner of  
6 riding a motorcycle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

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

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

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

40 (d) Any applicant for a Class E or Class F license must possess a valid Georgia driver's  
 41 license for Class C vehicles. A license issued pursuant to this Code section shall not be a  
 42 commercial driver's license."

43 **SECTION 2.**

44 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-311, relating to manner of riding a  
 45 motorcycle, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

46 "(b) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle equipped with handlebars for directional  
 47 control only ~~while~~ by sitting astride the seat, facing forward, and with one leg on either side  
 48 of the motorcycle."

49 **SECTION 3.**

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