

House Bill 246

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 drivers' licenses, so as to increase the fee for issuance of replacement licenses and permits;
3 to increase the fee for the issuance and renewal of limited driving permits; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses,
8 is amended in Code Section 40-5-31, relating to replacement permits or licenses, by revising
9 subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) In the event that an instruction permit or a driver's license issued under this chapter
11 is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may upon payment of the
12 required fee and upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that such permit has
13 been lost or destroyed:

- 14 (1) Obtain a new permit or license; or
15 (2) Obtain a replacement permit or license.

16 A new permit obtained under this Code section shall be obtained in the same manner and
17 under the same conditions and limitations as provided in Code Section 40-5-24. A new
18 license obtained under this Code section shall be obtained in the same manner and under
19 the same conditions and limitations as provided in Code Section 40-5-32, relating to
20 renewals of licenses. A replacement permit or license obtained under this Code section
21 shall be issued only for the remaining period for which the original permit or license was
22 issued for a fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$10.00, and no examination or eyesight test shall be required to
23 obtain such replacement permit."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-64, relating to limited driving permits
26 for certain offenders, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

27 "(e) **Fees, duration, renewal, and replacement of limited driving permit.** A limited
28 driving permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~\$25.00~~ \$32.00 and shall
29 become invalid ~~upon the driver's eighteenth birthday in the case of a suspension under~~
30 ~~paragraph (2) of subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22,~~ upon the expiration of one year
31 following issuance thereof in the case of a suspension for an offense listed in Code
32 Section 40-5-54 or a suspension under Code Section 40-5-57 or a suspension in accordance
33 with paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63 for a violation of Code
34 Section 40-6-391, or upon the expiration of 30 days in the case of an administrative license
35 suspension in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-67.2;
36 except that such limited driving permit shall expire upon any earlier reinstatement of the
37 driver's license. A person may apply to the department for a limited driving permit
38 immediately following such conviction if he or she has surrendered his or her driver's
39 license to the court in which the conviction was adjudged or to the department if the
40 department has processed the administrative driver's license suspension form or conviction.
41 Upon the applicant's execution of an affidavit attesting to such facts and to the fact that the

42 court had not imposed a suspension or revocation of his or her driver's license or driving
43 privileges inconsistent with the driving privileges to be conferred by the limited driving
44 permit applied for, the department may issue such person a limited driving permit. Limited
45 driving permits issued pursuant to this Code section are renewable upon payment of a
46 renewal fee of ~~\$5.00~~ \$10.00. Such permits may be renewed one time after the person is
47 eligible to reinstate his or her driver's license for the violation that was the basis of the
48 issuance of the permit. Upon payment of a fee in an amount the same as that provided by
49 Code Section 40-5-25 for issuance of a Class C driver's license, a person may be issued a
50 replacement for a lost or destroyed limited driving permit issued to him or her."

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SECTION 3.

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