

House Bill 368

By: Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Neal of the 79th, Cummings of the 39th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles, so
3 as to require a law enforcement officer making a traffic stop to provide the operator with the
4 purpose of the stop upon request after such operator displays his or her driver's license; to
5 provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "De-escalation Right To Know Law."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles, is amended by
13 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "40-1-10.
15 Upon request from the operator of a vehicle stopped by a law enforcement officer for a
16 traffic related offense, a law enforcement officer shall provide such operator with the
17 purpose of the stop and suspected traffic law violation, provided that such operator first
18 displays his or her driver's license pursuant to Code Section 40-5-29. Failure by a law
19 enforcement officer to comply with this Code section shall not invalidate an otherwise
20 lawful arrest or prevent the issuance of a uniform traffic citation."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.