

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 283:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and  
2 traffic, so as to revise the date by which law enforcement officers shall acquire equipment  
3 capable of verifying a driver's license issued in an electronic format; to provide for the  
4 issuance of a refusal to sign citation; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
9 amended in Code Section 40-5-29, relating to license to be carried and exhibited on demand,  
10 by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(4) By July 1, ~~2027~~ 2032, all law enforcement officers shall acquire equipment capable  
12 of verifying a license issued in an electronic format."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-13-2.1, relating to signature on citations  
15 required, effect of failure to sign, exemption for out-of-state drivers, and electronic capture  
16 of signature, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

17 "(a) A person who is issued a citation as provided in this chapter or Code Section 17-6-11,  
18 relating to display of driver's license in lieu of bail, ~~shall~~ may sign the citation to  
19 acknowledge receipt of the citation and of his or her obligation to appear for trial. The  
20 officer shall advise the person that signing the citation is not an admission of guilt and that  
21 failure to sign will result in the person having to ~~post a cash bond~~ appear for trial. If the  
22 person refuses to sign the citation, it shall constitute reasonable cause to believe that the  
23 person will not appear at trial and the officer shall write 'Refusal to Sign' on such citation  
24 and shall give the citation to such person. The officer may bring the person before a  
25 judicial officer or traffic violations bureau to post a bond as is otherwise provided by law."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.