

House Bill 205

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

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 require the Department of Driver Services in any republication of
3 its drivers' manual to include instructions for best practices for facilitating the safety of all
4 parties during a traffic stop by law enforcement; to provide for collaboration; to provide for
5 traffic stop safety procedures to be covered on the driver's license exam; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses,
10 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "40-5-10.

12 In every republication after July 1, 2019, of any manual published by the department for
13 purposes of instructing individuals about motor vehicle and traffic laws, rules, and
14 regulations in this state, the department shall include instructions on best practices for
15 facilitating the safety of all parties during a traffic stop by a law enforcement officer. The
16 department may collaborate with the Department of Public Safety in the development of
17 such instructions."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-27, relating to examination of
20 applicants, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

21 "(a)(1) The department shall examine every applicant for a driver's license, except as
22 otherwise provided in this Code section. Such examination shall include a test of the
23 applicant's eyesight; ~~his or her ability to understand official traffic-control devices; and;~~
24 his or her knowledge of safe driving practices, including best practices for and rights and
25 responsibilities of drivers during a traffic stop; and the traffic laws of this state ~~and.~~ Such

26 examination shall also include a comprehensive on-the-road driving test during which the
27 applicant shall be required to fully demonstrate his or her ability to exercise ordinary and
28 reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle of the type or general class of
29 vehicles he or she desires a license to drive."

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.