

Senate Bill 231

By: Senators Loudermilk of the 14th, Albers of the 56th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hill of the 4th and Bethel of the 54th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to Georgia Driver's Education Commission, so as to extend the sunset provision for
3 the additional sums collected on fines for the purpose of funding the commission and driver
4 education and training in Georgia; to lower the amount of the fine to be imposed; to require
5 a report to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 Georgia Driver's Education Commission, is amended by revising Code Section 15-21-179,
11 relating to additional penalty for violation of traffic laws or ordinances, as follows:

12 "15-21-179.

13 (a) In every case in which any court in this state shall impose a fine or bond payment,
14 which shall be construed to include costs, for any violation of the traffic laws of this state
15 or for violations of ordinances of political subdivisions which have adopted by reference
16 the traffic laws of this state, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty a sum equal to
17 5 1.5 percent of the original fine.

18 (b) Such sums shall be in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension,
19 annuity, or retirement fund under Title 47 or any other law and in addition to any other
20 amounts provided for in this article.

21 (c) This Code section shall be repealed in its entirety on June 30, ~~2013~~ 2016, unless
22 extended by an Act of the General Assembly."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 15-21-181, relating to report of
25 funds received from additional penalties and funds made available to the Georgia Driver's
26 Education Commission, as follows:

27 "15-21-181.

28 (a) As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, the Office of the State
29 Treasurer shall report the amount of funds received pursuant to Code Section 15-21-179
30 to the Office of Planning and Budget and the commission. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that, subject to appropriation, an amount equal to such proceeds received from
32 such fines in any fiscal year shall be made available during the following fiscal year to the
33 commission for the purposes set forth in Code Section 15-21-178.

34 (b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the commission shall provide a report to the
35 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
36 as well as the committee chairpersons for the standing committees in the Senate and the
37 House of Representatives that are assigned issues related to motor vehicles. The report
38 shall include the amount of funds collected from the additional penalty imposed under this
39 article for the previous three fiscal years, the amount of such funds appropriated to the
40 commission for each such corresponding year, and the manner and purposes for which such
41 funds have been expended."

42 **SECTION 3.**

43 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
44 without such approval.

45 **SECTION 4.**

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