

House Bill 1502

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, Collins of the 68th, Dempsey of the 13th, Williamson of the 115th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to serious traffic offenses, so as to require that persons convicted of driving under
3 the influence reimburse the jurisdiction that incurred the costs of drawing and testing the
4 person's blood; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
5 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 serious traffic offenses, is amended in Code Section 40-6-391, relating to driving under the
10 influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances, penalties, publication of notice
11 of conviction for persons convicted for second time, and endangering a child, by adding a
12 new subsection to read as follows:

13 "(m) When a person is convicted of violating this Code section, the sentencing court shall
14 require, as a part of the person's sentence, that the person make restitution for the costs of
15 testing such person's blood to the governmental entity that incurred such costs, including
16 the cost of drawing such blood and performing the chemical analysis of such blood."

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17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022, and shall apply to all crimes occurring on
19 or after such date.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.