

House Bill 1549

By: Representatives Boddie of the 62nd, McLaurin of the 51st, Kendrick of the 93rd, Alexander of the 66th, Gilliard of the 162nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, so as to enact the
3 "Georgia Returning Citizens State Identification Act"; to provide a short title; to provide for
4 the issuance of identification cards to persons completing a term of incarceration; to provide
5 that the Department of Corrections, any jailer, former employer, family member, or other
6 person having personal knowledge regarding personal identification information of the
7 incarcerated person share identifying information with the Department of Driver Services;
8 to provide for assistance by the Department of Corrections, any jailer, former employer,
9 family member, or other person having personal knowledge regarding personal identification
10 information of the incarcerated person in obtaining required documentation for the issuance
11 of a personal identification card; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
12 and for other purposes.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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15 Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
16 identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, is amended by adding a new Code
17 section to read as follows:

18 "40-5-107.

19 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Returning Citizens
20 State Identification Act.'

21 (b) The Department of Driver Services, in coordination with the Department of
22 Corrections and jailers, as described in Code Section 42-4-1, shall issue a personal
23 identification card to any resident of this state lacking a driver's license, personal
24 identification card, or other identification card issued pursuant to this chapter upon the
25 completion of a term of incarceration of six months or more in any prison, jail, or detention
26 facility of this state, its departments or agencies, or political subdivisions, and upon
27 submission of any documentation required by Code Section 40-5-100.

28 (c) The Department of Corrections, any jailer, former employer, family member, or other
29 person having personal knowledge regarding personal identification information of the
30 incarcerated person shall provide to the department any documentation in its possession
31 required for issuance of a personal identification card and shall provide such incarcerated
32 person with information on documentation required to obtain a personal identification card
33 pursuant to Code Section 40-5-100, including assisting such person in making requests for
34 official copies of any such required documentation."

SECTION 2.

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