

House Bill 384

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Barr of the 103rd, Pirkle of the 155th, Carpenter of the 4th, and Jackson of the 128th

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 provide for the issuance of a traffic citation to a vehicle owner in lieu of the
3 individual operating the motor vehicle in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
8 amended in Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle
9 without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal and temporary plate issued
10 by dealers of new or used motor vehicles, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(d) In lieu of issuing a citation for a violation of this Code section to the individual
12 operating a motor vehicle, a law enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation for a
13 violation of this Code section to the owner of the vehicle if such individual is present at the
14 time of issuance."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-8-7, relating to driving unsafe or improperly
17 equipped vehicle, punishment for violations of chapter generally, and vehicle inspection by
18 law enforcement officer without warrant, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

19 "(e) In lieu of issuing a citation for a violation of this Code section to the individual
20 operating a motor vehicle, a law enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation for a
21 violation of this Code section to the owner of the vehicle if such individual is present at the
22 time of issuance."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.