The House Committee on Judiciary Non-civil offers the following substitute to HB 671:

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 enact recommendations of the House Comprehensive Motor Vehicle and 3 Traffic Reform Study Committee; to correct cross-references; to amend Code Section 4 3-3-23.1, Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15, Code Sections 17-10-3, 33-9-42, and 42-8-112, 5 Title 40, Title 43, and Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures and penalties for furnishing alcohol to persons under 21 6 7 years of age, general provisions for prosecuting attorneys, punishment for misdemeanors generally, reduction in premiums for motor vehicle liability, first-party medical, and collision 8 9 coverages, timing for issuance of ignition interlock device limited driving permit, motor 10 vehicles and traffic, professions and businesses, and general provisions for registration, 11 operation, and sale of watercraft, respectively, so as to clarify provisions relating to the 12 Department of Driver Services' certification and approval of certain driver improvement 13 programs; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia 14 Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, so as to clarify provisions relating to driving without a driver's license; to amend Title 40 and Article 7 of 15 16 Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles 17 and traffic and ignition interlock devices as condition of probation, respectively, so as to 18 require an offender who refused testing as required by implied consent laws and an offender 19 convicted of DUI with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 grams or higher to install and 20 maintain ignition interlock devices on his or her vehicle; to amend Code Section 40-6-391 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, 22 drugs, or other intoxicating substances, so as to require the completion of certain educational 23 programs within a determined time-frame; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the 24 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restoration of licenses to persons completing 25 defensive driving course or alcohol or drug program, so as to increase the fees that may be 26 charged; to clarify provisions relating to submission of fingerprints for certain persons 27 certified by the Department of Driver Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal 28 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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30	PART I
31	DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES
32	CERTIFIED OR APPROVED DRIVING PROGRAMS
33	SECTION 1-1.
34	Code Section 3-3-23.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedures and
35	penalties for furnishing alcohol to persons under 21 years of age, is amended by revising
36	subsection (f) as follows:
37	"(f) In addition to any other punishment or sentence, the court may order all persons
38	convicted under subsection (b) of this Code section or sentenced under subsection (c) of
39	this Code section to complete a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program
40	prescribed certified by the Department of Driver Services within 120 days of such
41	conviction or sentence. Failure to complete such program within 120 days shall be
42	contempt of court and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00 or 20 days
43	days' imprisonment, or both. If the conviction or sentence results from a charge of
44	unlawful possession of alcoholic beverages while operating a motor vehicle, the court shall
45	report such conviction or sentence to the Department of Driver Services within ten days
46	after conviction or sentencing."
47	SECTION 1-2.
48	Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
49	general provisions for prosecuting attorneys, is amended by adding a new Code section to
50	read as follows:
51	" <u>15-18-31.</u>
52	When a prosecuting attorney determines that prosecution of a traffic offense, or municipal
53	ordinance involving a traffic offense, is not warranted, and neither a court order is entered
54	for such offense, nor referral to a pretrial intervention, pretrial release, pretrial diversion
55	program, or other similar pretrial program is made, a prosecuting attorney may condition
56	any other action regarding such offense upon the satisfactory completion of a defensive
57	driving course or defensive driving program approved by the Department of Driver
58	Services but shall not be authorized to mandate the completion of any other driving
59	program."

60 **SECTION 1-3.**

61 Code Section 17-10-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to punishment for

- 62 misdemeanors generally, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (d) as follows:
- 63 "(2) Satisfactory completion of a defensive driving course or defensive driving program
- 64 <u>approved by the Department of Driver Services</u> Attendance at, and satisfactory
- 65 completion of, a driver improvement course meeting standards approved by the court;"

66 **SECTION 1-4.**

- 67 Code Section 33-9-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reduction in
- 68 premiums for motor vehicle liability, first-party medical, and collision coverages for certain
- 69 named drivers, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and subsections (d)
- and (g) as follows:
- 71 "(3) Complete one of the following types of driving courses:
- 72 (A) A course in defensive driving course of not less than six hours from a driver
- improvement clinic or commercial or noncommercial driving school approved by and
- under the jurisdiction of the Department of Driver Services;
- 75 (B) An emergency vehicles operations course at the Georgia Public Safety Training
- 76 Center;
- 77 (C) A course in defensive driving course of not less than six hours from a driver
- improvement program which is administered by a nonprofit organization such as the
- American Association of Retired People, the American Automobile Association, the
- National Safety Council, or a comparable organization and which meets the standards
- 81 promulgated by rules and regulations of the Department of Driver Services pursuant to
- subsection (f) (g) of this Code section; or
- 83 (D) A course in defensive driving <u>course</u> of not less than six hours <u>which is</u> offered by
- an employer to its employees and their immediate families, which course has been
- approved by and which meets the rules and regulations of the Department of Driver
- 86 Services."
- 87 "(d) Upon completion of one of the <u>defensive</u> driving courses specified in paragraph (3)
- of subsection (b) or <u>preparatory courses offered to new drivers specified in paragraph (3)</u>
- of subsection (c), as applicable, of this Code section by each named driver, eligibility for
- 90 reductions in premiums for such policy shall continue for a period of three years, provided
- any named driver under such policy does not commit a traffic offense or have a claim
- against the policy based on any such driver's fault."
- 93 "(g) The power of supervision granted to the Department of Driver Services over driver
- 94 improvement programs administered by nonprofit organizations under this Code section
- shall be limited to the establishment of minimum standards and requirements relative to the

content of specific courses offered by such programs and relative to investigation and resolution of any complaints directed towards the content or operation of any course by a person enrolled in such course. The Department of Driver Services may adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection. The Department of Driver Services shall not require a nonprofit organization to obtain a license or permit or to pay a fee in order to administer a driver improvement program in the state. The Department of Driver Services shall not require a commercial driving school licensed by such department to obtain an additional license to teach a defensive driving course, as described in subparagraph (b)(3)(A) or preparatory course offered to new drivers as described in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section, at any location in this state."

107 **SECTION 1-5.**

108 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is

amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions for Title

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111 "(15.3) 'DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program' means a program certified

by the Department of Driver Services in accordance with subsection (e) of Code Section

113 <u>40-5-83.</u>"

114 **SECTION 1-6.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (9) of Code Section 40-5-1, relating to definitions for Chapter 5, as follows:

"(9) 'DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program' means a program certified by the Department of Driver Services which consists of two components: assessment and

119 <u>intervention Reserved.</u>"

120 **SECTION 1-7.**

121 Said title is further amended by revising subparagraph (c)(1)(C) of Code Section 40-5-57,

relating to suspension or revocation of license of habitually negligent or dangerous driver,

123 as follows:

"(C) A court may order a person to attend a driver improvement defensive driving course approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 for any violation for which points are assessed against a driver's license under this subsection or may accept the attendance by a person at a driver improvement clinic approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 after the issuance of a citation for such offense and prior to such person's appearance before the court, in which event the

court shall reduce the fine assessed against such person by 20 percent, and no points shall be assessed by the department against such driver. The disposition and court order shall be reported to the department and shall be placed on the motor vehicle record with a zero point count. This plea may be accepted by the court once every five years as measured from date of arrest to date of arrest."

SECTION 1-8.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-57.1, relating to suspension of licenses of persons under age 21 for certain offenses, as follows:

"(c)(1) Any driver's license suspended under subsection (a) of this Code section for commission of any offense other than violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a defensive driving program approved by the department course approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 and pays the applicable reinstatement fee. Any driver's license suspended under subsection (a) of this Code section for commission of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Drug or Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the applicable reinstatement fee."

SECTION 1-9.

Said title is further amended by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(C) of Code Section 40-5-58, relating to habitual violators and probationary licenses, as follows:

"(C) Such person has successfully completed, prior to the issuance of the probationary driver's license, a defensive driving course <u>approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83</u> or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program as designated by the department;"

SECTION 1-10.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 40-5-62, relating to periods of revocation and conditions to restoration of license, as follows:

"(b) The department shall not issue a new license nor restore a person's suspended license or nonresident's operating privilege unless and until it is satisfied after investigation of the character, habits, and driving ability of such person that it will be safe to grant the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public highways. Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section or any other provision of this title, the department shall not issue a new license to any person whose license was revoked as a habitual violator for three violations

of Code Section 40-6-391 within a five-year period unless and until such person submits proof of completion of an approved a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program. The department may issue rules and regulations providing for reinstatement hearings. In the case of a revocation pursuant to Code Section 40-5-58, the department shall charge a fee of \$410.00 or \$400.00 if processed by mail in addition to the fee prescribed by Code Section 40-5-25 to issue a new driver's license to a person whose driver's license has been revoked."

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Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-63, relating to periods of suspension, as follows:

"(1) Upon the first conviction of any such offense, with no arrest and conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to such offense within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for 12 months. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of said his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction in which case the restoration fee shall be \$510.00 or \$500.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail, provided that, if such license was suspended as a result of a conviction of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54, such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving program course approved by the department commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. A driver's license suspended as a result of a conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. For purposes of this paragraph, an accepted plea of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 by a person who is under 18 years of age at the time of arrest shall constitute a conviction. For the purposes of this paragraph only, an accepted plea of nolo contendere by a person 21 years of age or older, with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating Code Section 40-6-391 within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, shall be considered a

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(2) Upon the second conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for three years. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of such his or her driver's license; except that if such license was suspended as a result of a second conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, the person shall not be eligible to apply for license reinstatement until the end of 18 months. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction in which case the restoration fee shall be \$510.00 or \$500.00 when processed by mail, provided that, if such license was suspended as a result of a conviction of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54, such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving program course approved by the department commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. A driver's license suspended as a result of a conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program, provides proof of installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock device for a period of one year coinciding with the issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit as provided in Code Section 40-5-64 unless waived due to financial hardship, and pays the prescribed restoration fee. For purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere and all previous accepted pleas of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 within such five-year period of time shall constitute a conviction. For the purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of violating Code

Section 40-6-391 and all prior accepted pleas of nolo contendere within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, shall be considered and counted as convictions; or"

"(e) The driver's license of any person under 21 years of age who is convicted of unlawful possession of alcoholic beverages in violation of Code Section 3-3-23 while operating a motor vehicle may be suspended for a period of not less than 120 days. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of said his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated only if the person submits proof of completion of an approved a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$35.00 or \$25.00 when processed by mail. For purposes of this subsection, a sentence under subsection (c) of Code Section 3-3-23.1 shall not be considered a conviction, and the driver's license of such person shall not be suspended, provided that such person completes a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days after sentencing."

SECTION 1-12.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 40-5-80, relating to the purpose of the article relating to restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol or drug program, as follows:

"(2) Require, in addition to the criteria established by the commissioner for approval of driver improvement clinics and certification of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs, as provided in subsections (a) and (e) of Code Section 40-5-83, respectively, that every driver improvement clinic and DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall, as a condition of approval or certification, provide a continuous surety company bond for the protection of the contractual rights of students in such form as will meet with the approval of the department; and written by a company authorized to do business in this state. The principal sum of the bond shall be established by the commissioner; however, in no event shall this the amount of the bond be less than \$10,000.00 per location, and a single bond at such rate may be submitted for all locations under the same ownership. If at any time said bond is not valid and in force, the license of the driver improvement clinic or program DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall be deemed suspended by operation of law until a valid surety company bond is again in force."

270 **SECTION 1-13.**

271 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-81, relating to program optional 272 and certification and approval of courses, as follows:

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(a) Any driver improvement program defensive driving course or defensive driving program at which attendance is required by court order shall conform to the requirements of this article. When a defensive driving course, defensive driving program, or DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program is required by a court having jurisdiction over misdemeanor traffic law offenses or by any prosecuting attorney thereof, such course or program shall be certified and or approved by the department under the provisions of Code Sections 40-5-82 and 40-5-83, as applicable. Certificates of completion from unlicensed defensive driving courses shall not be recognized for any purposes under this article.

(b) Whenever any person is authorized or required to attend a driver improvement clinic or DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program as a condition of any sentence imposed under this title or any ordinance enacted pursuant to this title or as a condition of the retention or restoration of the person's driving privilege, such person, in complying with such condition, shall be authorized to attend any driver improvement clinic approved under this article or DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program certified under this article; and no judicial officer, probation officer, law enforcement officer, or other officer or employee of a court or person who owns, operates, or is employed by a private company which has contracted to provide private probation services for misdemeanor cases shall specify, directly or indirectly, a particular driver improvement clinic or DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program which the person may or shall attend. This Code section shall not prohibit any judicial officer, probation officer, law enforcement officer, or other officer or employee of a court or owner, operator, or employee of a private company which has contracted to provide probation services for misdemeanor offenders from furnishing any person, upon request, the names of certified approved driver improvement clinics or certified DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the owner, agent, servant, or employee of any driver improvement clinic or DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program licensed by the department to directly or indirectly solicit business by personal solicitation on public property, by phone, <u>by e-mail</u>, or by mail. A violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor. Advertising in any mass media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, radio, television, magazines, <u>Internet</u>, or telephone directories, by a driver improvement clinic or DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall not be considered a violation of this subsection."

307 **SECTION 1-14.**

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Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-82, relating to administration of program, as follows:

"(c) The department is designated as the agency responsible for the approval and certification of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs and staff. This responsibility includes selection of the assessment instrument, development of the intervention curricula, training of program staff, and monitoring of all DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs under this article."

315 **SECTION 1-15.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-83, relating to establishment and approval of clinics and programs, as follows:

"(a)(1) The commissioner shall establish criteria for the approval of driver improvement clinics. To be approved, a clinic shall provide and operate a defensive driving course. Clinics shall be composed of uniform education and training programs consisting of six hours of instruction designed for the rehabilitation of problem drivers. The commissioner shall establish standards and requirements concerning the contents of <u>defensive driving</u> courses, qualifications of instructors, attendance requirements for students, and examinations. Approved clinics shall charge a fee of \$75.00 \frac{\$95.00}{} for a defensive driving course, except that such clinics may charge different fees of their own choosing if the person is not enrolling in such course pursuant to court order or department requirement. No clinic shall be approved unless such clinic agrees in writing to allow the examination and audit of the books, records, and financial statements of such clinic. Clinics may be operated by any individual, partnership, or corporation. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect in any way driving programs established for purposes of insurance premium reductions under the provisions of Code Section 33-9-42." "(e)(1) The department is designated as the agency responsible for establishing criteria

for the approval certification of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs. An applicant shall meet the certification criteria promulgated by the department through its standards and shall provide the following services: (1) the assessment component services and (2) the intervention component services. A certified DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall require that a risk assessment component be conducted prior to administering the intervention component of such program. A certified DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program may include a clinical evaluation component after an individual completes risk assessment and intervention services. Only clinical evaluators

licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall 343 be qualified to conduct clinical evaluations. The department is designated as the agency 344 345 responsible for establishing rules and regulations concerning the contents and duration of the components of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs, qualifications 346 of instructors, attendance requirements for students, examinations, and program 347 348 evaluations. Qualified instructors shall be certified for periods of four years each, which 349 may be renewed. (2) Certified Approved DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs shall charge 350 351 a fee of \$82.00 \$85.00 for the assessment component and \$190.00 \$225.00 for the intervention component. An additional fee for required student program materials shall 352 be established by the department in such an amount as is reasonable and necessary to 353 354 cover the cost of such materials. (3) No DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall be approved certified 355 unless such clinic <u>program</u> agrees in writing to submit reports as required in the rules and 356 357 regulations of the department and to allow the examination and audit of the books, records, and financial statements of such DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction 358 359 Program by the department or its authorized agent. 360 (4) DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs may be operated by any public, 361 private, or governmental entity; provided, however, that, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in any political subdivision in which a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk 362 363 Reduction Program is operated by a private entity, whether for profit or nonprofit, neither 364 the local county board of health nor any other governmental entity shall fund any new 365 programs in that area. Programs currently in existence <u>prior to July 1, 1990</u>, which are operated by local county boards of health or any other governmental entities shall be 366 367 authorized to continue operation. New programs may be started in areas where no private 368 DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs have been made available to said community in the political subdivision. 369 (5) The Department of Corrections is shall be authorized to operate DUI Alcohol or Drug 370 371 Use Risk Reduction Programs in its facilities where offenders are not authorized to 372 participate in such programs in the community, provided that such programs meet the certification criteria promulgated by the Department of Driver Services. All such 373 programs operated by the Department of Corrections shall be exempt from all fee 374 provisions established in this subsection specifically including the rebate of any fee for 375 the costs of administration. 376 (6) No DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall be approved certified 377 378 unless such clinic program agrees in writing to pay to the state, for the costs of 379 administration, a fee of \$22.00 for each offender assessed or each offender attending for

points reduction, provided that nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to allow the department to retain any funds required by the Constitution to be paid into the state treasury; and provided, further, that the department shall comply with all provisions of Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act,' except Code Section 45-12-92, prior to expending any such miscellaneous funds."

SECTION 1-16.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (e) of Code Section 40-5-84, relating to reinstatement of license suspended for certain offenses or for points, as follows:

"(b) The license of any person whose license is suspended for the second time as a result of the conviction of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 shall, at the expiration of 120 days following the date the license is suspended, be reinstated by the department upon receipt by the department of a certificate of completion of an advanced a defensive driving course approved by the department and the payment of a restoration fee of \$310.00 or \$300.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail."

"(e) The license of any person whose license is suspended for the third or subsequent time within a five-year period as a result of the assessment of points pursuant to Code Section 40-5-57 shall be reinstated by the department upon receipt by the department of a certificate of completion of an advanced a defensive driving course approved by the department and the payment of a restoration fee of \$410.00 or \$400.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail."

SECTION 1-17.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-86, relating to reduction of point count upon completion of course, as follows:

403 "40-5-86.

Upon the accumulation of points pursuant to Code Section 40-5-57, the total number of points accumulated by any driver shall be reduced by seven points, but to not less than zero points, upon the satisfactory completion by such driver of an approved a defensive driving course approved by the department and the submission of a certificate by such driver to the department. The provisions of this Code section shall be available one time only to each driver in any five-year period."

SECTION 1-18.

Said title is further amended by revising subparagraphs (c)(1)(D), (c)(2)(D), (c)(3)(D), and (c)(4)(D) of Code Section 40-6-391, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances, as follows:

"(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;" "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;" "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;" "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;"

438 **SECTION 1-19.**

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Code Section 42-8-112 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to timing for issuance of ignition interlock device limited driving permit, is amended by revising subparagraphs (a)(2)(A) and (b)(2)(A) as follows:

"(A) That the person to whom such permit is to be issued has completed a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program certified by the Department of Driver Services;"

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446 **SECTION 1-20.**

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, is amended by revising

subparagraphs (m)(1)(D), (m)(2)(D), (m)(3)(D), and (m)(4)(D) of Code Section 52-7-12, relating to operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, toxic vapors, or drugs, as follows:

- "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 40-1-1. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Drivers Service's approval Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;"
- "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 40-1-1. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Drivers Service's approval Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;"
- "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 40-1-1. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Drivers Service's approval Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;"
- "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 40-1-1. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Drivers Service's approval Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;"

SECTION 1-21.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 52-7-12.6, relating to terms of suspension, as follows:

"(1) Upon the first suspension pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-12.5 within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which a suspension was obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a suspension is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for one year. Not sooner than 120 days following the effective date of suspension, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of his or her operator's privilege. Such privilege shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved certified by the Department of Driver Services and pays a restoration fee of \$200.00, unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction, in which case the restoration fee shall be \$500.00. An operator's privilege suspended pursuant to Code Section 52-7-12.5 shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved certified by the Department of Driver Services and pays a restoration fee of \$200.00, unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction, in which case the restoration fee shall be \$500.00;

(2) Upon the second suspension pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-12.5 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which suspensions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a suspension is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for three years. Not sooner than 18 months following the effective date of suspension, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of the person's his or her operator's privilege. Such privilege shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved certified by the Department of Driver Services and pays a restoration fee of \$200.00, unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction, in which case the restoration fee shall be \$500.00. An operator's privilege suspended pursuant to Code Section 52-7-12.5 shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved certified by the Department of Driver Services and pays a restoration fee of \$200.00, unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction, in which case the restoration fee shall be \$500.00; (3) Upon the third or subsequent suspension pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-12.5 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which suspensions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a suspension is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for not less than five years and until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program approved certified by the Department of Driver Services and pays a restoration fee of \$200.00, unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction, in which case the restoration fee shall be \$500.00; and"

507 PART II
508 UNLICENSED DRIVERS
509 SECTION 2-1.

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Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-20, relating to requiring a license, as follows:

"(a) No person, except those expressly exempted in this chapter, shall drive any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person has a valid driver's license under this chapter for the type or class of vehicle being driven. Any person who is a resident of this state for 30 days shall obtain a Georgia driver's license before operating a motor vehicle in this state. Any violation of this subsection shall be punished as provided in Code Section 40-5-121, except the violation of driving with an expired license, or a violation of Code Section 40-5-29 or if such person produces in court a valid driver's license issued by

this state to such person, he or she shall not be guilty of such offenses. Any court having jurisdiction over traffic offenses in this state shall report to the department the name and other identifying information of any individual convicted of driving without a license. This Code section shall not apply to a person driving with a suspended license or license that has been revoked. Any person convicted of violating this Code section shall be punished as provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-121; provided, however, that if:

(1) Such person is driving with a driver's license issued by this state that has been expired for less than 31 days at the time of the offense and he or she produces in court a driver's license that would have been valid at the time of the offense, he or she shall not be guilty of such offense; and

(2) Such person is driving without a valid driver's license in his or her possession but he or she has a valid driver's license, Code Section 40-5-29 shall apply to such offense."

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 40-5-29, relating

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 40-5-29, relating to license to be carried and exhibited on demand, as follows:

"(b) Every licensee shall display his <u>or her</u> license upon the demand of a law enforcement officer. A refusal to comply with such demand not only shall constitute a violation of this subsection but shall also give rise to a presumption of a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section and of Code Section 40-5-20."

539 PART III

IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE WHEN DRIVER
 REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS OR
 WHEN DRIVER'S BAC IS 0.15 GRAMS OR HIGHER
 ON FIRST DUI IN FIVE-YEAR PERIOD
 SECTION 3-1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of Code Section 40-5-57.1, relating to suspension of licenses of persons under age 21 for certain offenses, as follows:

"(2)(A) Upon the first conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391, with no arrest and conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to such offense within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, have his or her license suspended for a period of six months unless the driver's blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was 0.08 grams or more

or the person has previously been subject to a suspension pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, in which case the period of suspension shall be for 12 months; provided, however, that any driver who refused testing as required by Code Section 40-5-67.1 or 40-5-153 or whose blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense that triggered such suspension was 0.15 grams or more shall not be eligible for license reinstatement, and such license shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person provides proof of installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock device for a period of time coinciding with the issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit as provided in Code Section 40-5-64."

563 **SECTION 3-2.**

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Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63, relating to periods of suspension, as follows:

"(1) Upon the first conviction of any such offense, with no arrest and conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to such offense within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for 12 months. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of said his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction in which case the restoration fee shall be \$510.00 or \$500.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail, provided that, if such license was suspended as a result of a conviction of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54, such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving program course approved by the department commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. A driver's license suspended as a result of a conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. For purposes of this paragraph, an accepted plea of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 by a person who is under 18 years of age at the time of arrest shall constitute a conviction. For the purposes of this paragraph only, an accepted plea of nolo contendere by a person 21 years of age or older, with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating Code Section 40-6-391 within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests

for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, shall be considered a conviction, and the court having jurisdiction shall forward, as provided in Code Section 40-6-391.1, the record of such disposition of the case to the department and the record of such disposition shall be kept on file for the purpose of considering and counting such accepted plea of nolo contendere as a conviction under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection. Any driver who refused testing as required by Code Section 40-5-67.1 or 40-5-153 or whose blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense that triggered such suspension was 0.15 grams or more shall not be eligible for early license reinstatement, and such license shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person provides proof of installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock device for a period of time coinciding with the issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit as provided in Code Section 40-5-64;"

603 **SECTION 3-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a), (c), and (c.1) and subparagraph

605 (g)(1)(C) of Code Section 40-5-64, relating to limited driving permits for certain offenders,

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- "(a) To whom issued.
- (1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of Code Section 40-5-57 or 40-5-63 or any other Code section of this chapter, any person who has not been previously convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as

measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas

of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, may apply for a limited driving

permit when and only when that person's driver's license has been suspended in

accordance with paragraph:

- 616 (A) Paragraph (2) of subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22, subsection;
- 617 (B) Subsection (d) of Code Section 40-5-57, paragraph;
- 618 (C) Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63, paragraph;
- (D) Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-67.2, or subsection; or
- (E) Subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-57.1, when the person is 18 years of age or
- older and his or her license was suspended for exceeding the speed limit by 24 miles
- per hour or more but less than 34 miles per hour, and the sentencing judge, in his or her
- discretion, decides it is reasonable to issue a limited driving permit.
- 624 (2) Any person whose driver's license has been suspended as a result of a second
- 625 conviction for violating Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the

dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, may apply for an ignition interlock <u>device</u> limited driving permit after serving at least 120 days of the suspension required for such conviction and providing <u>either</u> a certificate of eligibility from a drug court program in the court in which he or she was convicted of the offense for which such suspension was imposed <u>or</u>, by submitting proof of enrollment in clinical treatment as provided in Code Section 40-5-63.1, or by submitting proof that he or she has otherwise satisfied the provisions of Code Section 40-5-63.1. No person who has been granted an exemption from the ignition interlock device requirements of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 shall be eligible for a limited driving permit or any other driving privilege for a period of one year.

(3) Any person whose driver's license was suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of Code

- (3) Any person whose driver's license was suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-57.1 or paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63 as a result of a first conviction for violating Code Section 40-6-391 within five years and who either refused testing as required by Code Section 40-5-67.1 or 40-5-153 or whose blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense that triggered such suspension was 0.15 grams or more may apply for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit.
- 643 (3)(4) To the extent a person is subject to more than one suspension for which a <u>limited</u>
 644 driving permit may be issued, the department shall not issue such permit unless the
 645 suspensions are for a conviction for driving under the influence in violation of Code
 646 Section 40-6-391 imposed pursuant to Code Section 40-5-63 and an administrative
 647 suspension imposed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section
 648 40-5-67.2 arising from the same incident."
 - "(c) **Standards for approval.** The department shall issue a limited driving permit if the application indicates that refusal to issue such permit would cause extreme hardship to the applicant. Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c.1) of this Code section, for the purposes of this Code section, 'extreme hardship' means that the applicant cannot reasonably obtain other transportation, and therefore the applicant would be prohibited from:
- (1) Going to his or her place of employment;
- 656 (2) Receiving scheduled medical <u>or emergency</u> care or obtaining prescription drugs;
- 657 (3) Attending a college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student;
- 658 (4) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meetings of support organizations for persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to alcohol or other drugs, which
- so long as such organizations are recognized by the commissioner;

661 (5) Attending under court order any driver education or improvement school or alcohol 662 or drug program or course approved by the court which entered the judgment of conviction resulting in suspension of his or her driver's license or by the commissioner; 663 664 (6) Attending court, reporting to a probation office or officer, or performing community service; or 665 (7) Transporting an immediate family member who does not hold a valid driver's license 666 667 for work, medical care, or prescriptions or to school. (c.1) Exception to standards for approval. 668 (1) The provisions of paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of subsection (c) of this Code 669 section shall not apply and shall not be considered for purposes of granting a limited 670 671 driving permit or imposing conditions thereon under this Code section in the case of a 672 driver's license suspension under paragraph (2) of subsection (a.1) of Code Section 673 40-5-22. (2) Subsection (c) of this Code section shall not apply and shall not be considered for the 674 675 purpose of granting an An ignition interlock device limited driving permit shall be 676 restricted to allow the holder thereof to drive solely for the following purposes: pursuant 677 to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section or imposing any conditions on 678 such permit. 679 (A) Going to his or her place of employment; (B) Attending a college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student; 680 681 (C) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meetings of treatment support 682 organizations for persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to alcohol or 683 other drugs, which organizations are recognized by the commissioner; and 684 (D) Going for monthly monitoring visits with the permit holder's ignition interlock 685 device service provider." 686 "(C)(i) The department shall revoke a permittee's ignition interlock device limited 687 driving permit upon Upon receipt of notice from a provider center for ignition interlock devices that an: 688 (I) An ignition interlock device which a permittee is required to use has been 689 690 tampered with or the; 691 (II) The permittee has failed to report for monitoring of such device as required by 692 law, the; or 693 (III) The permittee attempted to use an ignition interlock device after consuming 694 alcohol.

(ii) The department shall revoke such permittee's limited driving permit and, notify

the permittee of such revocation by regular mail to his or her last known address,

notify such person of such revocation. Such notice of revocation shall inform the

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person permittee of the grounds for and effective date of the revocation and of the right to review. The notice of revocation shall be deemed received three days after mailing."

701 **SECTION 3-4.**

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Said title is further is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 40-5-67.1, relating to chemical tests, implied consent notices, rights of motorists, test results, refusal to submit to testing, and suspension of licenses, as follows:

"(d) If a person under arrest or a person who was involved in any traffic accident resulting in serious injuries or fatalities refuses, upon the request of a law enforcement officer, to submit to a chemical test designated by the law enforcement officer as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, no test shall be given; but the law enforcement officer shall report the refusal to the department. Upon the receipt of a report of the law enforcement officer that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the arrested person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a moving motor vehicle upon the highways or elsewhere throughout this state in violation of Code Section 40-6-391 or that such person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a moving motor vehicle upon the highways or elsewhere throughout this state and was involved in a traffic accident which resulted in serious injuries or fatalities and that the person had refused to submit to the test upon the request of the law enforcement officer, the department shall suspend the person's driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege for a period of one year unless such person provides proof of installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock device for a period of time coinciding with the issuance of an ignition interlock device <u>limited driving permit as provided in Code Section 40-5-64</u> or if the person was operating or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, the department shall disqualify the person from operating a commercial motor vehicle and shall suspend the person's driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege, subject to review as provided for in this chapter."

725 **SECTION 3-5.**

726 Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of Code

727 Section 40-5-67.2, relating to terms and conditions for suspension of license under subsection

728 (c) of Code Section 40-5-67.1, as follows:

729 "(1) Upon the first suspension pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-67.1

within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which

a suspension was obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a suspension is

obtained, the period of suspension shall be for one year. Not sooner than 30 days

following the effective date of suspension, the person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction in which case the restoration fee shall be \$510.00 or \$500.00 when processed by mail. A driver's license suspended pursuant to Code Section 40-5-67.1 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee; provided, however, that any driver who refused testing as required by Code Section 40-5-67.1 or 40-5-153 or whose blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense that triggered such suspension was 0.15 grams or more shall not be eligible for early license reinstatement, and such license shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person provides proof of installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock device for a period of time coinciding with the issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit as provided in Code Section 40-5-64.

(2) Upon the second suspension pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-67.1 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which suspensions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a suspension is obtained, the period of suspension shall be for three years. The person shall be eligible to apply to the department for license reinstatement not sooner than 18 months following the effective date of suspension. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail unless such conviction was a recidivist conviction in which case the restoration fee shall be \$510.00 or \$500.00 when processed by mail. A driver's license suspended pursuant to Code Section 40-5-67.1 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee."

SECTION 3-6.

Said title is further amended by revising the introductory paragraph of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) and subparagraph (c)(1)(B) of Code Section 40-6-391, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances, as follows:

"(1) For the first First conviction with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating this Code section within the previous ten years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas

of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted:"

"(B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than ten days nor more than 12 months, which period of imprisonment may, at the sole discretion of the judge, be suspended, stayed, or probated, except that if the offender's blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was 0.08 grams or more, the judge may suspend, stay, or probate all but 24 hours of any term of imprisonment imposed under this subparagraph; and provided, further, that if the offender's blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was 0.15 grams or more, the judge shall probate at least a portion of such term of imprisonment, in accordance with subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, thereby subjecting the offender to the provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and to such other terms and conditions as the judge may impose;"

SECTION 3-7.

Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ignition interlock devices as condition of probation, is amended in Code Section 42-8-111, relating to court issuance of certificate for installation of ignition interlock devices, revising subsections (a), (b), (c), and (f) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, for which such person refused testing as required by Code Section 40-5-67.1 or 40-5-153 or for which such person's blood alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was 0.15 grams or more, the court shall authorize the issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit immediately upon such conviction if such person is otherwise eligible for issuance of a limited driving permit as determined by the Department of Driver Services. Such person shall install and maintain a certified ignition interlock device in any motor vehicle that he or she will be operating and shall not drive any motor vehicle that is not equipped with such device.

(a.1)(1) Upon a second or subsequent conviction of a resident of this state for violating Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, for which such person is granted probation, the court shall issue a certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Such person shall have installed and shall maintain in each motor vehicle registered in such person's name for a period of not less than one year a functioning, certified ignition interlock device;

(2)(A) Such person shall have installed and shall maintain in any other motor vehicle to be driven by such person for a period of not less than one year a functioning, certified ignition interlock device, and such person shall not drive any motor vehicle whatsoever that is not so equipped during such period. Upon successful completion of one year of monitoring of such ignition interlock device, the restriction for maintaining and using such ignition interlock device shall be removed, and the permit may be renewed for additional periods of two months as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-64; and

(3)(B) Such person shall participate in a substance abuse treatment program as defined in paragraph (16.2) of Code Section 40-5-1 or a drug court program in compliance with Code Section 15-1-15 for a period of not less than 120 days <u>unless he or she has otherwise provided proof that he or she has satisfied the provisions of Code Section</u> 40-5-63.1.

- (2) For the purposes of this subsection, a plea of nolo contendere shall constitute a conviction; and a conviction of any offense under the law of another state or territory substantially conforming to any offense under Code Section 40-6-391 shall be deemed a conviction of violating said Code section.
- (b) The court may, in its discretion, decline to issue a certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license for any reason or exempt a person from any or all. If the ignition interlock device requirements upon a determination that such requirements would subject such a person to undue financial hardship, he or she may petition the court for a waiver of the fees for such device. The court shall make written findings of fact with respect to the determination of a person having undue financial hardship. If the court finds that a person cannot pay for an ignition interlock device, but otherwise qualifies for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license, it shall issue an order requiring such device to be installed at the expense of an ignition interlock device provider. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of Code Section 40-13-32 or 40-13-33, a determination of financial hardship may be made at the time of conviction or any time thereafter. If a court grants an exemption from the ignition interlock device requirements, such person shall not be eligible for a limited driving permit or any other driving privilege for a period of one year.
- (c) In the case of any person subject to the provisions of subsection (a) <u>or (a.1)</u> of this Code section, the court shall include in the record of conviction or violation submitted to the Department of Driver Services a copy of the certificate of eligibility for an ignition

interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license issued by the court or documentation of the court's decision to decline to issue such certificate. For persons subject to subsection (a) or (a.1) of this Code section, such Such certificate shall specify any exemption from the installation requirements of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section and any vehicles subject to the installation requirements of paragraph (2) of such subsection permitted by the court. The records of the Department of Driver Services shall contain a record reflecting such certificate, and the person's driver's license, limited driving permit, or probationary license shall contain a notation that the person may only operate a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device."

(f) Exemptions granted due to financial hardship pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be exempt from the subject matter jurisdiction limitations imposed in Code Sections 40-13-32 and 40-13-33."

SECTION 3-8.

Said article is further amended by revising subparagraphs (a)(2)(B) and (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 42-8-112, relating to timing for issuance for ignition interlock device limited driving permit, as follows:

"(B) That such person has completed a clinical evaluation as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 and enrolled in a substance abuse treatment program approved by the Department of Human Services or is enrolled in a drug court program or proof that he or she has otherwise satisfied the provisions of Code Section 40-5-63.1;"

"(B) That such person has completed a clinical evaluation as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 and enrolled in a substance abuse treatment program approved by the Department of Human Services or is enrolled in a drug court program or proof that he or she has otherwise satisfied the provisions of Code Section 40-5-63.1;"

SECTION 3-9.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-115, relating to certification of ignition interlock devices, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The commissioner of driver services or the commissioner's designee shall certify ignition interlock devices required by this article and the providers of such devices and shall promulgate rules and regulations for the certification of said devices and providers. The rules and regulations for certification of providers shall include a requirement that ignition interlock devices be provided to defendants without charge if so ordered by a court. The standards for certification of such devices shall include, but not be limited to, those standards for such devices promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and adopted by rule or regulation of the Department of Driver Services."

875 **SECTION 3-10.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-117, relating to revocation of driving privilege upon violation of probation imposed by Code Section 42-8-111, as follows:

- 878 "42-8-117.
- (a)(1) In the event the sentencing court revokes a person's probation after finding that such person has violated the terms of the certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license issued pursuant to subsection (a) or (a.1) of Code Section 42-8-111, the Department of Driver Services shall revoke that person's driving privilege for one year from the date the court revokes that person's probation. The court shall report such probation revocation to the Department of Driver
- Services by court order.

 (2) This subsection shall not apply to any person whose limited driving permit has been
- revoked under subsection (d) of Code Section 42-8-112.

 (b) In the event the sentencing court revokes a person's probation after finding that such
- (b) In the event the sentencing court revokes a person's probation after finding that such person has twice violated the terms of the certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license issued pursuant to subsection (a) or (a.1) of Code Section 42-8-111 during the same period of probation, the Department of Driver Services shall revoke that person's driving privilege for five years from the date the court revokes that person's probation for a second time. The court shall report such

probation revocation to the Department of Driver Services by court order."

895 **SECTION 3-11.**

- Said article is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 42-8-118, relating to requesting or soliciting another to blow into device, as follows:
- 898 "(a) It is unlawful for any person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to 899 subsection (a) or (a.1) of Code Section 42-8-111 to request or solicit any other person to 900 blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with the device 901 for the purpose of providing the person so restricted with an operable motor vehicle.
- 902 (b) It is unlawful for any person to blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing an operable motor vehicle to a person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to subsection (a) or (a.1) of Code Section 42-8-111."

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Code Section 40-6-391 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances, is amended by revising subparagraphs (c)(1)(D), (c)(2)(D), (c)(3)(D), and (c)(4)(D), as follows:

"(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;" "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;" "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;" "(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the department's approval Department of Driver <u>Services' certification</u> of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;"

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Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol or drug program, is amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-82, relating to administration of program, as follows:

"(e) The department shall conduct a records check for any applicant for certification as an operator, director, or instructor of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program. Each applicant shall submit at least one set of classifiable fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified. No applicant shall be certified who has previously been convicted of a felony. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding certification requirements, including restrictions regarding misdemeanor convictions. No applicant shall be certified unless he or she is a United States citizen, or if not a citizen, he or she presents federal documentation verified by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be valid documentary evidence of lawful presence in the United States under federal immigration

965 **SECTION 5-2.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (e) and paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 40-5-83, relating to establishment and approval of clinics and programs, as follows:

"(a)(1) The commissioner shall establish criteria for the approval of driver improvement clinics. To be approved, a clinic shall provide and operate a defensive driving course. Clinics shall be composed of uniform education and training programs consisting of six

hours of instruction designed for the rehabilitation of problem drivers. The commissioner shall establish standards and requirements concerning the contents of <u>defensive driving</u> courses, qualifications of instructors, attendance requirements for students, and examinations. Approved clinics shall charge a fee of \$75.00 \$95.00 for a defensive driving course, except that such clinics may charge different fees of their own choosing if the person is not enrolling in such course pursuant to court order or department requirement. No clinic shall be approved unless such clinic agrees in writing to allow the examination and audit of the books, records, and financial statements of such clinic. Clinics may be operated by any individual, partnership, or corporation. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to affect in any way driving programs established for purposes of insurance premium reductions under the provisions of Code Section 33-9-42. (1.1)(A) No driver improvement clinic shall be permitted to use, adopt, or conduct any

- (1.1)(A) No driver improvement clinic shall be permitted to use, adopt, or conduct any business under any name that is like or deceptively similar to any name used by any other driver improvement clinic, Georgia company, or Georgia corporation registered with the Secretary of State. This subparagraph shall not prohibit the franchising or licensing of any part or all of the name of a driver improvement clinic by the owner or the rights thereof to another licensed driver improvement clinic.
- (B) This paragraph shall not prohibit the franchising or licensing of any part or all of the name of a clinic by the owner of the rights therein to another licensed driver improvement clinic.
- (2) The commissioner may issue a special license to the instructor of any commercial licensed driver training school authorizing such instructor to teach a defensive driving course, advanced defensive driving course, or professional defensive driving course of at a driver improvement clinic provided approved pursuant to this Code section if such instructor is qualified to teach a teen-age driver education course which consists of a minimum of 30 hours of classroom and six hours of behind-the-wheel training and such instructor certifies to the commissioner that he or she has provided at least 250 300 hours of behind-the-wheel training in a teen-age driver education course."
- "(e)(1) The department is designated as the agency responsible for establishing criteria for the approval certification of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs. An applicant shall meet the certification criteria promulgated by the department through its standards and shall provide the following services: (1) the assessment component services and (2) the intervention component services. A certified DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall require that a risk assessment component be conducted prior to administering the intervention component of such program. A certified DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program may include a clinical evaluation component after an individual completes risk assessment and intervention services. Only clinical evaluators

1009 licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall 1010 be qualified to conduct clinical evaluations. The department is designated as the agency 1011 responsible for establishing rules and regulations concerning the contents and duration of the components of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs, qualifications 1012 1013 of instructors, attendance requirements for students, examinations, and program 1014 evaluations. Qualified instructors shall be certified for periods of four years each, which 1015 may be renewed. (2) Certified Approved DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs shall charge 1016 1017 a fee of \$82.00 \$85.00 for the assessment component and \$190.00 \$225.00 for the intervention component. An additional fee for required student program materials shall 1018 1019 be established by the department in such an amount as is reasonable and necessary to 1020 cover the cost of such materials. 1021 (3) No DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall be approved certified 1022 unless such clinic <u>program</u> agrees in writing to submit reports as required in the rules and regulations of the department and to allow the examination and audit of the books, 1023 records, and financial statements of such DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction 1024 1025 Program by the department or its authorized agent. (4) DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs may be operated by any public, 1026 1027 private, or governmental entity; provided, however, that, except as otherwise provided 1028 in this subsection, in any political subdivision in which a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk 1029 Reduction Program is operated by a private entity, whether for profit or nonprofit, neither 1030 the local county board of health nor any other governmental entity shall fund any new 1031 programs in that area. Programs currently in existence <u>prior to July 1, 1990</u>, which are 1032 operated by local county boards of health or any other governmental entities shall be 1033 authorized to continue operation. New programs may be started in areas where no private 1034 DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs have been made available to said 1035 community in the political subdivision. (5) The Department of Corrections is shall be authorized to operate DUI Alcohol or Drug 1036 1037 Use Risk Reduction Programs in its facilities where offenders are not authorized to 1038 participate in such programs in the community, provided that such programs meet the certification criteria promulgated by the Department of Driver Services. All such 1039 programs operated by the Department of Corrections shall be exempt from all fee 1040 1041 provisions established in this subsection specifically including the rebate of any fee for the costs of administration. 1042 (6) No DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program shall be approved certified 1043 unless such elinic program agrees in writing to pay to the state, for the costs of 1044 1045 administration, a fee of \$22.00 for each offender assessed or each offender attending for

points reduction, provided that nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to

allow the department to retain any funds required by the Constitution to be paid into the state treasury; and provided, further, that the department shall comply with all provisions of Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act,' except Code Section 45-12-92, prior to expending any such miscellaneous funds. (f)(1) Each applicant for certification to own or operate a driver improvement clinic shall submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified."

1064 **SECTION 5-3.**

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Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 43-12A-4, relating to the requirements of operating a center to install ignition interlock devices, as follows:

"(b) The department shall conduct a records check for any applicant for certification as a provider center operator. Each applicant shall submit two sets of classifiable fingerprints to the department; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit both sets of fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit one set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall retain one set of fingerprints and promptly conduct a search of state records. After receiving a report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be licensed. The applicant shall be responsible for any fee or other charge allowed by law or rule or regulation promulgated by the department, the Georgia Crime Information

1081 Center, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the submission, processing, and review 1082 of such fingerprints."

SECTION 5-4.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of Code Section 43-12A-6, relating to acts disqualifying a person from operating a provider center or engaging in practice of providing, installing, or monitoring ignition interlock devices, as follows:

"(5) Shall submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified; and"

SECTION 5-5.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (7) of Code Section 43-13-4, relating to qualifications of driver training school operators, as follows:

"(7) Submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified; and"

SECTION 5-6.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (6) of Code Section 43-13-5, relating to qualifications of driver training school instructors, as follows:

"(6) Submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified; and"

SECTION 5-7.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 43-13-6.1, relating to special licenses for driver training school instructors qualified to teach alcohol and drug courses and fingerprinting, as follows:

"(b) Each applicant shall submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; provided, however, that when an applicant has previously submitted an acceptable set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department for initial certification, he or she shall not be required to resubmit such fingerprints for an application for recertification or renewal. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified."

1145 PART VI 1146 REPEALER 1147 **SECTION 6-1.**

1148 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.