

House Bill 973

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 Governor's Office of Highway Safety, so as to provide the director with authority to employ  
3 peace officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 10 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Governor's  
8 Office of Highway Safety, is amended by revising Code Section 40-10-5, relating to duties  
9 of director, as follows:

10 "40-10-5.

11 (a) The director shall advise with and assist the Governor in the formulation, coordination,  
12 and supervision of comprehensive state and local highway safety programs to reduce traffic  
13 accidents, deaths, injuries, and property damage within this state. The director, acting  
14 under the direction and supervision of the Governor, shall also advise with and assist the  
15 various departments and agencies of state government concerned with highway safety  
16 programs. He or she shall coordinate and review, cooperatively, the programs developed

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17 by the various local political subdivisions, for the purpose of assisting them in the  
18 preparation of their highway safety programs to ensure that they meet the criteria  
19 established for such programs by the appropriate state and federal authorities.

20 (b)(1) The director shall have the authority to appoint and employ peace officers who  
21 shall be certified pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace  
22 Officer Standards and Training Act.'

23 (2) The peace officers of the office shall have jurisdiction throughout this state with such  
24 duties and powers as are prescribed by law."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.