

Senate Bill 212

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th and Kirk of the 13th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 examination of applicants, so as to revise the criteria by which the Department of Driver
3 Services shall authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer the on-the-road
4 driving skills testing; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination of
9 applicants, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

10 "(d)(1) The department shall authorize licensed driver training schools to conduct
11 knowledge tests, on-the-road driving skills tests, and other tests required for issuance of
12 a driver's license as provided in this subsection. The department shall, prior to approving
13 a licensed driver training school to conduct tests as provided in this subsection, make a
14 determination that the school has been licensed for a minimum of two years and has
15 conducted driver education courses on a full-time basis for such two-year period and that
16 such school meets all other standards which the department may establish as a condition
17 for approval to conduct such tests. The department shall authorize a driver training
18 school licensed pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 43 and approved by the department to
19 administer the on-the-road driving skills testing provided for in this Code section,
20 provided that the applicant has successfully completed:

21 (A)(i) A classroom or online a driver training course licensed by the department and
22 which includes a minimum of 30 class hours of instruction and six hours of private
23 in-car training; and
24 (ii) Six hours of private in-car instruction provided by a licensed instructor employed
25 by the licensed driver training school administering such on-the-road driving skills
26 test.

27 (B) For any applicant 18 years of age or older, a minimum of six hours of private in-car
28 instruction provided by a licensed instructor employed by the licensed driver training
29 school administering such on-the-road driving skills test.

30 (2) The department may establish by rules and regulations the type of tests or
31 demonstrations to be made by applicants for any Class P instruction permit, Class C
32 driver's license, or Class D driver's license under this Code section.

33 ~~(2)~~(3) The department may authorize public and private high schools to conduct
34 knowledge tests required for issuance of a Class P instruction permit or Class D driver's
35 license or both."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

38 **SECTION 3.**

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