

House Bill 1200

By: Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, and Jasperse of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol
3 or drug program, so as to revise the authorized fees relating to such courses; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol or drug
9 program, is amended in Code Section 40-5-83, relating to approval and operation of driver
10 improvement clinics and criteria for defensive driving courses, alcohol and drug courses, and
11 driving under the influence risk reduction programs, by revising paragraph (1) of
12 subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of subsection (e) as follows:

13 "(a)(1) The commissioner shall establish criteria for the approval of driver improvement
14 clinics. To be approved, a clinic shall provide and operate a defensive driving course.
15 Clinics shall be composed of uniform education and training programs consisting of six
16 hours of instruction designed for the rehabilitation of problem drivers. The commissioner

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17 shall establish standards and requirements concerning the contents of defensive driving
18 courses, qualifications of instructors, attendance requirements for students, and
19 examinations. Approved clinics shall charge a fee of ~~\$95.00~~ \$125.00 for a defensive
20 driving course, except that such clinics may charge different fees of their own choosing
21 if the person is not enrolling in such course pursuant to court order or department
22 requirement. No clinic shall be approved unless such clinic agrees in writing to allow the
23 examination and audit of the books, records, and financial statements of such clinic.
24 Clinics may be operated by any individual, partnership, or corporation. Nothing in this
25 paragraph shall be construed to affect in any way driving programs established for
26 purposes of insurance premium reductions under the provisions of Code
27 Section 33-9-42."

28 "(2) Certified DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs shall charge a fee of
29 ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00 for the assessment component and ~~\$235.00~~ \$295.00 for the intervention
30 component. An additional fee for required student program materials shall be established
31 by the department in such an amount as is reasonable and necessary to cover the cost of
32 such materials."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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