

House Bill 13

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and Hugley of the 141st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, so as to provide for an optional
3 space for indicating the blood type of the licensee; to provide for immunity from liability for
4 injury caused by an error in the blood type indicated on a driver's license; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 issuance, expiration, and renewal of licenses, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code
10 Section 40-5-28, relating to the issuance and contents of licenses, county tag agents, and
11 Class E and Class F licenses for volunteer firefighters, as follows:

12 "(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the department shall, upon
13 payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor a driver's license
14 indicating the type or general class of vehicles the licensee may drive, which license shall
15 be upon a form prescribed by the department and which shall bear thereon a distinguishing
16 number assigned to the licensee, a photograph of the licensee, the licensee's full legal name,

17 either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the licensee shall
18 write his or her usual signature with a pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license,
19 and such other information or identification as is required by the department. No license
20 shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. A license issued pursuant to this
21 subsection shall be in a physical format and, upon election of the applicant, an additional
22 electronic format which is capable of being viewed upon a wireless telecommunications
23 device as such term is defined in Code Section 40-6-241. The department shall not require
24 applicants to submit or otherwise obtain from applicants any fingerprints or any other
25 biological characteristic or information which uniquely identifies an individual, including
26 without limitation deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and retinal scan identification
27 characteristics but not including a photograph, by any means upon application. Each
28 license shall include a space for indicating the licensee's blood type, the completion of
29 which shall be optional and shall be marked as optional. The state, the department, and
30 officers and employees of the department shall be immune from liability for any injury
31 resulting from an error in the blood type indicated on a driver's license."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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