

House Bill 202

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, so as to increase the additional  
3 penalty for violation of traffic laws or ordinances under "Joshua's Law"; to remove the sunset  
4 provision relative to such law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date  
5 and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, is amended by revising Code  
10 Section 15-21-179, relating to additional penalty for violation of traffic laws or ordinances,  
11 as follows:

12 "15-21-179.

13 (a) In every case in which any court in this state shall impose a fine or bond payment,  
14 which shall be construed to include costs, for any violation of the traffic laws of this state  
15 or for violations of ordinances of political subdivisions which have adopted by reference

16 the traffic laws of this state, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty a sum equal to  
17 ~~1.5~~ 5 percent of the original fine.

18 (b) Such sums shall be in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension,  
19 annuity, or retirement fund under Title 47 or any other law and in addition to any other  
20 amounts provided for in this article.

21 ~~(c) This Code section shall be repealed in its entirety on June 30, 2022, unless extended~~  
22 ~~by an Act of the General Assembly."~~

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021, and shall apply to offenses committed on  
25 or after that date.

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.