

House Bill 375

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 knowingly driving a motor vehicle with a suspended, canceled, or revoked vehicle  
3 registration, so as to change provisions relating to a plea of nolo contendere; 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 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to knowingly  
8 driving a motor vehicle with a suspended, canceled, or revoked vehicle registration, is  
9 amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

10 "(e) For all purposes under this Code section, a plea of nolo contendere shall be considered  
11 as a conviction. For purposes of pleading nolo contendere, only one nolo contendere plea  
12 shall be accepted to a charge of driving a motor vehicle with a suspended, canceled, or  
13 revoked vehicle registration within a five-year period of time as measured from the date  
14 of the previous arrest for which a conviction was obtained or plea of nolo contendere was  
15 accepted to the date of the current arrest. All other nolo contendere pleas within such  
16 period of time shall be considered convictions."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.