The House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil offers the following substitute to SB 208:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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To amend Title 40 and Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic and ignition interlock devices, respectively, so as to provide for use of ignition interlock devices in motor vehicles as a condition of probation for individuals convicted of a first and second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol; to provide for conditions and terms of suspension of driver's licenses for individuals charged with or convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol; to provide for a condition for reinstatement of a suspended driver's license; to provide for standards for issuance, application, approval, conditions, fees, duration, and revocation of limited driving permits and ignition interlock device limited driving permits; to provide for eligibility for a limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit; to provide for court ordered certificates of eligibility for limited driving permits and ignition interlock device limited driving permits; to repeal provisions relating to exclusivity on conditions of article relative to restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol or drug program; to provide for a definition relative to commercial drivers' licenses; to provide for penalties for conviction of driving under the influence; to provide for limits on fees assessed by ignition interlock device providers; to repeal provisions requiring approval by the Department of Transportation prior to installation of automated traffic safety devices in school zones; to provide for standards for certificates of eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit issued by a court; to provide for terms under which an ignition interlock device must be placed in a motor vehicle; to provide for revocation of driving privileges in certain instances; to provide for prohibited conduct in relation to ignition interlock devices; to allow for a finding of undue financial hardship by the court; to provide for a waiver of ignition interlock device requirements in certain instances; to provide waiver of certain fees upon a finding of indigency or inability to pay; to amend Code Section 16-13-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditional discharge for possession of controlled substances as first offense and certain nonviolent property crimes, dismissal of charges, and restitution to victims, so as to provide for conditional discharge for certain persons charged for the first time with driving under the

influence of alcohol; to amend Chapter 12A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ignition interlock device providers, so as to revise a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure as an ignition interlock device provider; to provide for suspension and revocation of such license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

35 SECTION 1.

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Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-5-22, relating to persons not to be licensed, minimum ages for licensees, school enrollment requirements, driving training requirements, limited driving permit, and expired licenses, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The department is authorized to issue a limited driving permit to an applicant whose license is currently under suspension or revocation in any other jurisdiction upon grounds which would authorize the suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter, provided that the applicant is otherwise eligible for such limited driving permit in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-64 and paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-64.1."

46 SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-63, relating to periods of suspension and conditions to return of driver's license, by revising subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) The driver's license of any person convicted of an a first or second alcohol related offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 or of violating pursuant to Code Section 40-6-391, unless the driver's license has been previously suspended pursuant to Code Sections 40-5-67.1 and 40-5-67.2, shall by operation of law be suspended and such suspension shall be subject to the following terms and conditions; provided, however, that any person convicted of a drug related offense pursuant to Code Section 40-6-391 shall be governed by the suspension requirements of Code Section 40-5-75; and further provided that each charge for which a conviction was obtained shall be treated as a separate transaction for the purpose of imposing a license suspension hereunder under this Code section, even if said convictions arise from a single incident; and further provided, further, that the department shall treat each conviction received in the order in which said convictions are processed even if it is not the order in which said offenses occurred:

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(1) Upon the first conviction of any such offense, with no arrest and conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to such offense within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, or discharge or dismissal was never granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391, the period of suspension shall be 12 months, provided that a person whose license was suspended pursuant to this paragraph may operate a motor vehicle during such period of suspension with an ignition interlock device limited driving permit issued pursuant to Code Section 40-5-64.1 and under the conditions set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 42-8-111. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail, provided that, if such license was suspended as a result of a conviction of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54, such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving course approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. A driver's license suspended as a result of a conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 pursuant to this paragraph shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the a prescribed restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail. For purposes of this paragraph, an accepted plea of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 by a person who is under 18 years of age at the time of arrest shall constitute a conviction. For the purposes of this paragraph only, an accepted plea of nolo contendere by a person 21 years of age or older, with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating Code Section 40-6-391 within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere accepted, or discharge or dismissal was never granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 to the date of the current arrest for which a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, shall be considered a conviction, and the court having jurisdiction shall forward, as provided in Code Section 40-6-391.1, the record of such disposition of the case to the department and the record of such disposition shall be kept on file for the purpose of considering and counting such accepted plea of nolo contendere or discharge or dismissal as a conviction under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection;

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(2) Upon the second conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be three years 18 months, provided that a person whose license was suspended pursuant to this paragraph may operate a motor vehicle during such period of suspension with an ignition interlock device limited driving permit issued pursuant to Code Section 40-5-64.1 and under the conditions set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 42-8-111. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of his or her driver's license; except that if such license was suspended as a result of a second conviction of a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, the person shall not be eligible to apply for license reinstatement until the end of 18 months. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail, provided that, if such license was suspended as a result of a conviction of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54, such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving course approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays the prescribed restoration fee. A driver's license suspended as a result of a second conviction of an alcohol related a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall not become valid and shall remain suspended until such person submits proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program, provides proof of installation and maintenance of an ignition interlock device for a period of one year coinciding with the issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit as provided in Code Section 40-5-64.1 unless waived due to financial hardship, and pays the a prescribed restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail. For purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere and all previous accepted pleas of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 within such five-year period of time shall constitute a conviction. For the purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of violating Code Section 40-6-391 and all prior accepted pleas of nolo contendere within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, shall be considered and counted as convictions. For the purposes of this paragraph, a discharge or dismissal granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall be considered and counted as a conviction; or

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(3) Upon the third conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, such person shall be considered a habitual violator, and such license shall be revoked as provided for in paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-62. For purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere and all previous accepted pleas of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 within such five-year period shall constitute a conviction. For the purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere and all prior accepted pleas of nolo contendere to a charge of violating Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, shall be considered and counted as convictions. For the purposes of this paragraph, a discharge or dismissal granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall be considered and counted as a conviction. (a.1) The driver's license of any person convicted of an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54, unless the driver's license has been previously suspended pursuant to Code Sections 40-5-67.1 and 40-5-67.2, shall by operation of law be suspended and such suspension shall be subject to the following terms and conditions; provided, however, that each charge for which a conviction was obtained shall be treated as a separate transaction for the purpose of imposing a license suspension under this Code section, even if said convictions arise from a single incident; and provided, further, that the department shall treat each conviction received in the order in which said convictions are processed even if it is not the order in which said offenses occurred: (1) Upon the first conviction of any such offense, with no arrest and conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to such offense within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be 12 months. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for early reinstatement of his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving course approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail. For purposes of this paragraph, an accepted plea of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 by a person who is under 18 years of age at the time of arrest shall constitute a conviction;

(2) Upon the second conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, the period of suspension shall be three years. At the end of 120 days, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of his or her driver's license. Such license shall be reinstated if such person submits proof of completion of either a defensive driving course approved by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83 or a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and pays a restoration fee of \$210.00 or \$200.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail. For purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere and all previous accepted pleas of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 within such five-year period shall constitute a conviction; or (3) Upon the third conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, such person shall be considered a habitual violator and such license shall be revoked as provided for in paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-62. For purposes of this paragraph, a plea of nolo contendere and all previous accepted pleas of nolo contendere to an offense listed in Code Section 40-5-54 within such five-year period shall constitute a conviction."

189 SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-64, relating to limited driving permits for certain offenders, as follows:

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(a) To whom issued.

(1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Code section or Code Section 40-5-57, 40-5-63, 40-5-75, 40-5-121, or 42-8-111, any person who has not been previously convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest, may apply for a limited driving permit when that person's driver's license had a suspension imposed prior to July 1, 2015, under Code Section 40-5-22 or that person's driver's license has been suspended in accordance with subsection (d) of Code Section 40-5-57, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-67.2, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-75, or subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-57.1, when the person is 18 years of age or older and his or her license was suspended for exceeding the speed limit by 24 miles

per hour or more but less than 34 miles per hour, and the sentencing judge, in his or her discretion, decides it is reasonable to issue a limited driving permit.

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- (2) Any No person who has been granted an exemption from the ignition interlock device requirements of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 due to undue financial hardship under Code Section 42-8-111 shall be eligible for a limited driving permit, an ignition interlock device limited driving permit, or any other driving privilege for a period of one year the applicable period of suspension.
- (3) If To the extent a person is subject to more than one suspension for which a limited driving permit may be issued, the department shall not issue such a permit unless the suspensions are for a conviction for driving under the influence in violation of Code Section 40-6-391 imposed pursuant to Code Section 40-5-63 and an administrative suspension imposed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-67.2 arising from the same incident authorized by this Code section except upon order of a court pursuant to Code Section 40-5-76.
- 220 (b) **Application form.** Applications for limited driving permits shall be made upon such forms as the commissioner may prescribe. Such forms shall require such information as is necessary for the department to determine the need for such permit. All applications shall be signed by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths.
 - (c) **Standards for approval.** The department shall issue a limited driving permit to any person qualifying under subsection (a) of this Code section if the application indicates that refusal to issue such permit would cause extreme hardship to the applicant. Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c.1) of this Code section, for For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'extreme hardship' means that the applicant cannot reasonably obtain other transportation, and therefore the applicant would be prohibited from:
- 230 (1) Going to his or her place of employment or performing the normal duties of his or her occupation;
- 232 (2) Receiving scheduled medical care or obtaining prescription drugs;
- 233 (3) Attending a college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student;
- 234 (4) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meetings of support organizations for 235 persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to alcohol or other drugs, which 236 organizations are recognized by the commissioner;
- 237 (5) Attending under court order any driver education or improvement school or alcohol or drug program or course approved by the court which entered the judgment of
- conviction resulting in suspension of his or her driver's license or by the commissioner;
- 240 (6) Attending court; reporting to a community supervision, juvenile probation, or Article
- 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 probation office; reporting to a community supervision officer,

county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer

- serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42; or performing community service;
- 244 (7) Transporting an immediate family member who does not hold a valid driver's license
- for work, to obtain medical care or prescriptions, or to school; or
- 246 (8) Attending any program, event, treatment, or activity ordered by a judge presiding in
- an accountability court, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-1-18.
- 248 (c.1) Exception to standards for approval. The provisions of paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
- 249 and (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section shall not apply and shall not be considered
- 250 for purposes of granting a limited driving permit or imposing conditions thereon under this
- 251 Code section in the case of a driver's license suspension under paragraph (2) of subsection
- 252 (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22.
- 253 (d) Conditions attached. A limited driving permit shall be endorsed with such conditions
- as the commissioner deems necessary to ensure that such permit will be used by the
- permittee only to avoid the conditions of extreme hardship. Such conditions may include
- 256 the following restrictions:
- 257 (1) Specific places between which the permittee may be allowed to operate a motor
- vehicle;

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- 259 (2) Routes to be followed by the permittee;
- 260 (3) Times of travel;
- 261 (4) The specific vehicles which the permittee may operate; and
- (5) Such other restrictions as the department may require.
- 263 (e) Fees, duration, renewal, and replacement of limited driving permit. A limited
- 264 driving permit issued pursuant to this Code section shall be \$25.00 and shall become
- 265 invalid upon the driver's eighteenth birthday in the case of a suspension under
- paragraph (2) of subsection (a.1) of Code Section 40-5-22, upon the expiration of the
- 267 <u>applicable period of suspension for which a permit has been issued pursuant to subsection</u>
- 268 (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that a limited driving permit shall become
- 269 <u>invalid</u> one year following issuance thereof in the case of a suspension for an offense listed
- 270 in Code Section 40-5-54 or a suspension under Code Section 40-5-57 or a suspension in
- 272 Code Section 40-6-391, or upon the expiration of 30 days in the case of an administrative

accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63 for a violation of

- license suspension in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section
- 274 40-5-67.2; except that such. A limited driving permit shall expire upon any earlier
- reinstatement of the driver's license. A person may apply to the department for a limited
- driving permit immediately following such conviction or suspension if he or she has
- surrendered his or her driver's license to the court in which the conviction was adjudged
- or to the department if the department has processed the administrative driver's license

suspension form or conviction. Upon the applicant's execution of an affidavit attesting to such facts and to the fact that the court had not imposed a suspension or revocation of his or her driver's license or driving privileges inconsistent with the driving privileges to be conferred by the limited driving permit applied for, the department may issue such person a limited driving permit. Limited driving permits issued pursuant to this Code section are renewable upon payment of a renewal fee of \$5.00. Such permits may be renewed one time after the person is eligible to reinstate his or her driver's license for the violation that was the basis of the issuance of the permit. Upon payment of a fee in an amount the same as that provided by Code Section 40-5-25 for issuance of a Class C driver's license, a person may be issued a replacement for a lost or destroyed limited driving permit issued to him or her.

(f) **Liability of issuing officer.** No official or employee of the department shall be criminally or civilly liable or subject to being held in contempt of court for issuing a limited driving permit in reliance on the truth of the affidavits required by this Code section.

(g) Revocation of limited driving permit.

- (1) Any limited driving permittee who is convicted of violating any state law relating to the movement of vehicles or any limited driving permittee who is convicted of violating the conditions endorsed on his or her limited driving permit shall have such permit revoked by the department. Any court in which such conviction is had shall require such permittee to surrender his or her limited driving permit to the court, and the court shall forward it to the department within ten days after the conviction, with a copy of the conviction.
- (2) Any person whose limited driving permit has been revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until six months from the date such permit was surrendered to the department. In any case of revocation of a limited driving permit pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the department may impose an additional period of suspension for the conviction upon which revocation of the permit was based.
- (h) **Hearings.** Any person whose permit has been revoked or who has been refused a permit by the department may make a request in writing for a hearing to be provided by the department. Such hearing shall be provided by the department within 30 days after the receipt of such request and shall follow the procedures required by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Appeal from such hearing shall be in accordance with said chapter.
- (i) Rules and regulations. The commissioner may promulgate such rules and regulationsas are necessary to implement this Code section.

315 (j) **Penalty.** Any permittee who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any condition specified on the permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

317 **SECTION 4.**

- 318 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-64.1, relating to ignition
- 319 interlock device limited driving permits, as follows:
- 320 "40-5-64.1.
- 321 (a) **To whom issued.**
- 322 (1) Any person who has not been previously convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a
- violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of
- previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were
- accepted to the date of the current arrest, and whose driver's license is subject to an
- administrative driver's license suspension pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section
- 327 40-5-67.1, may apply for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit with the
- department.
- 329 (2) Any person who has not been previously convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a
- violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of
- previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were
- accepted to the date of the current arrest, and whose driver's license is subject to an
- administrative driver's license suspension pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section
- 40-5-67.1, may apply for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit with the
- department.
- 336 (3) Any person who was granted a discharge or dismissal pursuant to Code Section
- 337 <u>16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 may apply with the</u>
- department for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit.
- 339 (4) Any person whose driver's license was suspended as a result of a first conviction of
- an alcohol related offense pursuant to Code Section 40-6-391 within five years, as
- measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the
- date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, may apply with the
- department for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit.
- 344 (5) Any person whose driver's license has been was suspended as a result of a second
- conviction for violating of an alcohol related offense pursuant to Code Section 40-6-391
- within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions
- were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, may
- 348 apply with the department for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit after
- 349 serving at least 120 days of the suspension required for such conviction.

350 (4)(6) The department shall not issue an ignition interlock device limited driving permit to any person:

- 352 (A) Under 21 years of age;
- 353 (B) Who is not currently licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this state;
- 354 (C) Who currently holds a license to drive a commercial motor vehicle;
- 355 (D) Whose driver's license is subject to an administrative suspension for involvement
- in a traffic accident resulting in injuries or fatalities; or
- 357 (E) Whose driver's license is subject to a suspension, revocation, or cancellation for any reason other than as contemplated by this Code section.
- 359 (b) **Application form.** Applications for ignition interlock device limited driving permits shall be made upon such forms as the commissioner may prescribe. All applications shall
- be signed by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths.
- 362 (c) Standards for approval.

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- 363 (1) The department shall issue an ignition interlock device limited driving permit for a fee of \$25.00 and:
- 365 (A) For an applicant eligible for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section:
 - (i) Within 30 days from the date on which notice was given pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 40-5-67.1;
 - (ii) Upon surrender of the applicant's driver's license; and
- 370 (iii) Upon the applicant's execution of an affidavit attesting that the hearing afforded 371 under subsection (g) of Code Section 40-5-67.1 has been waived; or
 - (B) For an applicant eligible for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit pursuant to paragraphs (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, upon the submission of proof of the conviction from the court or submission of a certificate of eligibility from a court or accountability court, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-1-18, and the surrender of his or her driver's license to such court or to the department if the department has processed the administrative driver's license suspension form or conviction; or
 - (C) For an applicant eligible for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit pursuant to paragraph (3) (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section, upon the submission of proof of the conviction from the court, the submission of a certificate of eligibility from an accountability court, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-1-18, or the submission of proof of enrollment in a substance abuse treatment program as provided in Code Section 40-5-63.1 and the surrender of his or her driver's license to such court or to the department if the department has processed the administrative driver's license suspension form or conviction.

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(2) Any No person who has been granted an exemption from the ignition interlock device requirements of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 due to undue financial hardship under Code Section 42-8-111 shall be eligible for a limited driving permit pursuant to Code Section 40-5-64 or any other driving privilege for a period of one year for the applicable period of suspension.

- (d) Duration, renewal, and replacement of ignition interlock device limited driving permit.
 - (1) An ignition interlock device limited driving permit shall be valid for a period of one year. Upon successful completion of one year the required period of monitoring of such ignition interlock device, the restriction for maintaining and using such ignition interlock device shall be removed, and such permit may be renewed for additional periods of two months upon payment of a renewal fee of \$5.00, but it may only be renewed one time after such person is eligible to reinstate his or her driver's license.
- 400 (2) Upon payment of a fee in the same amount as that provided by Code Section 40-5-25 401 for the issuance of a Class C driver's license, a person may be issued a replacement for 402 a lost or destroyed ignition interlock device limited driving permit previously issued to 403 him or her.
- 404 (e) **Exceptions to standards for approval.** An ignition interlock device limited driving permit shall be restricted to allow the holder thereof to drive solely for the following purposes:
- 407 (1) Going to his or her place of employment or performing the normal duties of his or her occupation;
 - (2) Receiving scheduled medical care or obtaining prescription drugs;
- 410 (3) Attending a college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student;
- 411 (4) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meetings of treatment support 412 organizations for persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to alcohol or 413 other drugs, which organizations are recognized by the commissioner;
 - (5) Attending under court order any driver education or improvement school or alcohol or drug program or course approved by the court which entered the judgment of conviction resulting in suspension of his or her driver's license or by the commissioner;
- 417 (6) Attending court, reporting to a community supervision, juvenile probation, or Article
 418 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 probation office, reporting to a community supervision officer,
 419 county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer
- serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or performing community service;
- 421 (7) Transporting an immediate family member who does not hold a valid driver's license 422 for work, to obtain medical care or prescriptions, or to school;

423 (8) Attending any program, event, treatment, or activity ordered by a judge presiding in 424 an accountability court, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-1-18; or

(9) Going for monthly monitoring visits with the permit holder's ignition interlock device service provider.

(f) Revocation of ignition interlock device limited driving permit.

- (1)(A) <u>Upon order of the court, the The</u> department shall revoke the ignition interlock device limited driving permit of any permittee issued such permit pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section who is convicted of violating any state law relating to the movement of vehicles or convicted of driving a motor vehicle in violation of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or violating any state law regarding the movement of vehicles; provided, however, that the department shall not revoke such permit for a conviction of Code Section 40-6-391 for which the permit was originally issued. Any court in which such conviction is had shall require that requires such permittee to surrender the ignition interlock device limited driving permit to the court, and the court shall forward it the device to the department within ten days after the conviction, with a copy of the conviction.
- (B) The department shall revoke the ignition interlock device limited driving permit of any permittee who is required to complete a substance abuse treatment program pursuant to Code Section 40-5-63.1 and enrolled but failed to attend or complete such program as scheduled upon receipt of notice of such information from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The department shall notify the permittee of such revocation by regular mail to his or her last known address. Such notice of revocation shall inform the permittee of the grounds for and effective date of the revocation and of the right to review. The notice of revocation shall be deemed received three days after mailing.
- (C) The department shall revoke the ignition interlock device limited driving permit of a permittee upon receipt of notice from an ignition interlock device service provider that an ignition interlock device has been tampered with, a permittee has failed to report for monitoring as required by law, or an ignition interlock device has been removed from any motor vehicle to be driven by a permittee prior to successful completion of the required term of monitoring under Code Section 42-8-110.1 or 42-8-111.
- (2) The department shall notify the permittee of such revocation by regular mail to his or her last known address. Such notice of revocation shall inform the permittee of the grounds for and effective date of the revocation and of the right to review. The notice of revocation shall be deemed received three days after mailing.
- (3) Any person whose ignition interlock device limited driving permit has been revoked for the first time shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until six months from

the date such permit was surrendered to the department. Any person whose ignition interlock device limited driving permit has previously been revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until two years from the date such permit was surrendered to the department.

- (g) **Hearings.** Any person whose ignition interlock device limited driving permit has been revoked or who has been refused such permit by the department may make a request in writing for a hearing to be provided by the department. Such hearing shall be provided by the department within 30 days after the receipt of such request and shall follow the procedures required by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'
- Appeal from such hearing shall be in accordance with such chapter.

- 470 (h) **Rules and regulations.** The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this Code section.
 - (i) **Penalty**. Any person issued an ignition interlock device limited driving permit who operates a motor vehicle in violation of the terms of such permit, as described in Code Section 42-8-110.1 or subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section or Code Section 42-8-110.1 or 42-8-111, commits the offense of violation of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit. Any person who commits the offense of violation of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-67.2, relating to terms and conditions for implied consent license suspension, administrative license suspensions in relation to post-conviction suspension, and eligibility for limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit, by revising subsections (b) and (d) as follows:

"(b)(1) An administrative license suspension pursuant to Code Section 40-5-67.1 shall be counted toward fulfillment of any period of suspension subsequently imposed as a result of a conviction of violating Code Section 40-6-391 which arises out of the same violation for which the administrative license suspension was imposed. An administrative license suspension pursuant to Code Section 40-5-67.1 shall run concurrently with any revocation of such driver's license pursuant to a subsequent determination that such person is a habitual violator.

(2) Any time during which a person held a valid ignition interlock device limited driving permit pursuant to Code Section 40-5-64.1 shall be counted toward the fulfillment of any period of an administrative license suspension required pursuant to Code Section 40-5-67.1 or any period of suspension subsequently imposed as a result of a conviction of violating Code Section 40-6-391 which arises out of the same violation for which the administrative license suspension was imposed."

"(d) Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a driver with no previous conviction for a violation of Code Section 40-6-391 within the previous five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest, during the period of administrative suspension contemplated under this chapter, shall be entitled to a limited driving permit or an ignition interlock device limited driving permit as provided in Code Sections 40-5-64 and 40-5-64.1."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by moving Code Section 40-5-75, relating to suspension of licenses for being in control of a moving vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance or marijuana by operation of law, and Code Section 40-5-76, relating to court ordered reinstatement or suspension of license or issuance of limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit and time credited toward fulfillment of period of license suspension, to Article 3 of Chapter 5 and by repealing the designation of Article 3A of such chapter.

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-75, relating to suspension of licenses by operation of law for being in control of a moving vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance or marijuana and reinstatement, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section or any other provision of this chapter, any person whose license is suspended pursuant to this Code section shall not be eligible for early reinstatement of his or her license and shall not be eligible for a limited driving permit, but such person's license shall be reinstated only as provided in this Code section or Code Section 40-5-76 Reserved."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-5-76, relating to court ordered reinstatement or suspension of license or issuance of limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit and time credited toward fulfillment of period of license suspension, as follows:

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- (a)(1) A judge presiding in a drug court division, mental health court division, veterans court division, or operating under the influence court division, as a reward or sanction to the defendant's behavior in such court division, may order the department to:
- 528 (A) Reinstate a defendant's Georgia driver's license that has been or should be 529 suspended under the laws of this state;

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(B) Notwithstanding Code Section 40-5-64 to the contrary, issue Issue to a defendant 531 a limited driving permit using the guidance set forth in subsections (c), (c.1), and (d) 532 of Code Section 40-5-64 or with whatever conditions the court determines to be 533 appropriate under the circumstances; 534 (C) Issue to a defendant an ignition interlock device limited driving permit using the 535 guidance set forth in subsections (c) and (e) of Code Section 40-5-64.1 or with 536 whatever conditions the court determines to be appropriate under the circumstances; or 537 (D) Suspend or revoke such license, limited driving permit, or ignition interlock device 538 limited driving permit. 539 (2) The court shall require the defendant to pay to the department the fee normally 540 required for the reinstatement of such driver's license or issuance of such limited driving 541 permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit or waive such fee. 542 (3) The court may order the department to issue to a defendant a limited driving permit 543 or ignition interlock device limited driving permit pursuant to this subsection for a 544 one-year period of time coinciding with the applicable period of suspension, and may 545 allow such permit to be renewed for a one-year period, and shall provide the department 546 with such order. 547 (b)(1) If the offense for which the defendant was convicted was for an alcohol related 548 offense pursuant to Code Section 40-6-391 or if a discharge or dismissal for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 was granted, a judge presiding in any court 549 550 of competent jurisdiction may order the department to: 551 (A) Issue to the defendant an ignition interlock device limited driving permit using the 552 guidance set forth in subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-64.1; 553 (B) Suspend or revoke such ignition interlock device limited driving permit; or 554 (C) Notwithstanding Code Section 40-5-64 to the contrary, issue a defendant a limited 555 driving permit with whatever conditions the court determines to be appropriate under the circumstances, provided that a finding of undue financial hardship pursuant to Code 556 557 Section 42-8-111 has been made. (2) The court shall require the defendant to pay to the department the fee normally 558 required for the issuance of such ignition interlock device limited driving permit. 559 560 (3) The court may order the department to issue to the defendant an ignition interlock 561 device limited driving permit pursuant to this subsection for an applicable period of 562 suspension, may allow such permit to be renewed for a one-year period, and shall provide 563 the department with such order. (b)(c) If the offense for which the defendant was convicted did not directly relate to the 564 565 operation of a motor vehicle, a judge presiding in any court, other than the court divisions specified in subsection (a) of this Code section, may order the department to reinstate a 566

defendant's driver's license that has been or should be suspended, issue to a defendant a limited driving permit using the guidance set forth in subsections (c), (c.1), and (d) of Code Section 40-5-64, or issue to a defendant an ignition interlock device limited driving permit using the guidance set forth in subsections (c) and (e) of Code Section 40-5-64.1. The court shall require the defendant to pay to the department the fee normally required for the reinstatement of such driver's license or issuance of such limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit or waive such fee. Such judge may also order the department to suspend a defendant's driver's license, limited driving permit, or ignition interlock device limited driving permit as a consequence of the defendant's violation of the terms of his or her probation.

(c)(1)(d)(1) The department shall make a notation on a person's driving record when his or her driver's license was reinstated or suspended or he or she was issued a limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit under this Code section, and such information shall be made available in accordance with Code Section 40-5-2.

- (2) The driver's license of any person who has a driver's license reinstated or suspended in accordance with this Code section shall remain subject to any applicable disqualifications specified in Article 7 of this chapter.
- 584 (d)(e) The department shall credit any time during which a defendant was issued a limited driving permit or ignition interlock device limited driving permit under subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section toward the fulfillment of the period of a driver's license suspension for which such permit was issued."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 40-5-87, relating to exclusivity on conditions of article relative to restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol or drug program, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-142, relating to definitions relative to commercial drivers' licenses, by revising paragraph (18.2) as follows:

- "(18.2) 'Major traffic violation' means a conviction of any of the following offenses or a conviction of any law or ordinance equivalent thereto in this state, in any other state, or in any foreign jurisdiction, when operating either a commercial motor vehicle or, unless otherwise specified, a noncommercial motor vehicle:
- (A) Driving a vehicle under the influence in violation of Code Section 40-6-391; provided, however, that a dismissal or discharge pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall be treated as a conviction;

(B) Hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident in violation of Code Section 602 603 40-6-270, failure to report striking an unattended vehicle in violation of Code Section 604 40-6-271, failure to report striking a fixed object in violation of Code Section 40-6-272, 605 or failure to report an accident in violation of Code Section 40-6-273; 606 (C) Except as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-5-151, any felony in the 607 commission of which a motor vehicle is used; 608 (D) Driving a commercial motor vehicle while the person's commercial driver's license or commercial driving privilege is revoked, suspended, canceled, or disqualified; 609 (E) Homicide by vehicle in violation of Code Section 40-6-393; 610 611 (F) Racing on highways or streets in violation of Code Section 40-6-186; (G) Using a motor vehicle in fleeing or attempting to elude an officer in violation of 612 613 Code Section 40-6-395; (H) Fraudulent or fictitious use of or application for a license as provided in Code 614 Section 40-5-120 or subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-125; 615 (I) Operating a motor vehicle with a revoked, canceled, or suspended registration in 616 violation of Code Section 40-6-15: 617 (J) Violating Code Sections 16-8-2 through 16-8-9, if the property that was the subject 618 619 of the theft was a vehicle engaged in commercial transportation of cargo or any 620 appurtenance thereto or the cargo being transported therein or thereon; or

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in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, vehicle registration and transfer of title restrictions for failure to pay penalty, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The speed limit within any school zone as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced by using photographically recorded images for violations which occurred only on a school day during the time in which instructional classes are taking place and one hour before such classes are scheduled to begin and for one hour after such classes have concluded when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit.

(2) Prior to the placement of a device within a school zone, each school within whose school zone such automated traffic enforcement safety device is to be placed shall first apply for and secure a permit from the Department of Transportation for the use of such automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such permit shall be awarded based upon

(K) Refusing to submit to a state administered chemical test requested by a law

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit

need. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this paragraph."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-391, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances, penalties, publication of notice of conviction for persons convicted for second time, and endangering a child, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

- "(c) Every person convicted of violating this Code section shall, upon a first or second conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor; upon a third conviction thereof, be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor; and upon a fourth or subsequent conviction thereof, be guilty of a felony except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection and shall be punished as follows:
 - (1) For the first First conviction with no conviction of and no plea of nolo contendere accepted to a charge of violating this Code section within the previous ten years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, or discharge or dismissal was never granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391:
 - (A) A fine of not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, which fine shall not, except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, be subject to suspension, stay, or probation;
 - (B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than ten days 24 hours nor more than 12 months, which period of imprisonment may, at the sole discretion of the judge, be suspended, stayed, or probated, except that if the offender's alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was 0.08 grams or more, the judge may suspend, stay, or probate all but 24 hours of any term of imprisonment imposed under this subparagraph. The judge shall probate at least a portion of such term of imprisonment in accordance with subparagraph (F) of this paragraph and such other terms and conditions as the judge may impose including, when applicable, relevant provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42; provided, however, that the offender shall be required to serve not fewer than 24 hours of actual incarceration;
 - (C) Not fewer than 40 hours of community service, except that for a conviction for violation of subsection (k) of this Code section where the person's alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was less than 0.08 grams, the period of community service shall be not fewer than 20 hours;

(D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;

- (E) A clinical evaluation as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 and, if recommended as a part of such evaluation, completion of a substance abuse treatment program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1; provided, however, that in the court's discretion such evaluation may be waived; and
- (F) A If the person is sentenced to a period of imprisonment for fewer than 12 months, a period of probation of 12 months less any days during which the person is actually incarcerated;
- (2) For the second conviction within a ten-year period of time, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, or discharge or dismissal was never granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391:
 - (A) A fine of not less than \$600.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, which fine shall not, except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, be subject to suspension, stay, or probation;
 - (B) A period of imprisonment of not fewer than 90 days and not more than 12 months. The judge shall probate at least a portion of such term of imprisonment; in accordance with subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, thereby subjecting the offender to the provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and to such other terms and conditions as the judge may impose including, when applicable, relevant provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42; provided, however, that the offender shall be required to serve not fewer than 72 hours of actual incarceration;
 - (C) Not fewer than 30 days of community service;
 - (D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;

(E) A clinical evaluation as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 and, if recommended as a part of such evaluation, completion of a substance abuse treatment program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1; and

- (F) A period of probation of 12 months less any days during which the person is actually incarcerated;
- (3) For the third conviction within a ten-year period of time, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, or discharge or dismissal was never granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391:
- 718 (A) A fine of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$5,000.00, which fine shall not, except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, be subject to suspension, stay, or probation;
 - (B) A mandatory period of imprisonment of not fewer than 120 days and not more than 12 months. The judge shall probate at least a portion of such term of imprisonment, in accordance with subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, thereby subjecting the offender to the provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and to such other terms and conditions as the judge may impose including, when applicable, relevant provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42; provided, however, that the offender shall be required to serve not fewer than 15 days of actual incarceration;
- 728 (C) Not fewer than 30 days of community service;

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- (D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;
- 735 (E) A clinical evaluation as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 and, if recommended as 736 a part of such evaluation, completion of a substance abuse treatment program as defined 737 in Code Section 40-5-1; and
- 738 (F) A period of probation of 12 months less any days during which the person is actually incarcerated;
- 740 (4) For the fourth or subsequent conviction within a ten-year period of time, as measured 741 from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained or pleas of nolo 742 contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is 743 obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted, or discharge or dismissal was never

744 granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of Code Section
 745 40-6-391:

- (A) A fine of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$5,000.00, which fine shall not, except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section, be subject to suspension, stay, or probation;
- (B) A period of imprisonment of not less than one year and not more than five years; provided, however, that the judge may suspend, stay, or probate all but 90 days of any term of imprisonment imposed under this paragraph. The judge shall probate at least a portion of such term of imprisonment; in accordance with subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, thereby subjecting the offender to the provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and to such other terms and conditions as the judge may impose including, when applicable, relevant provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42;
- 756 (C) Not fewer than 60 days of community service; provided, however, that if a defendant is sentenced to serve three years of actual imprisonment, the judge may suspend the community service;
 - (D) Completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program within 120 days following his or her conviction; provided, however, that if the defendant is incarcerated and such program cannot be completed within 120 days, it shall be completed within 90 days of his or her release from custody. The sponsor of any such program shall provide written notice of the Department of Driver Services' certification of the program to the person upon enrollment in the program;
 - (E) A clinical evaluation as defined in Code Section 40-5-1 and, if recommended as a part of such evaluation, completion of a substance abuse treatment program as defined in Code Section 40-5-1; and
- 768 (F) A period of probation of five years less any days during which the person is actually imprisoned;
- provided, however, that if the ten-year period of time as measured in this paragraph commenced prior to July 1, 2008, then such fourth or subsequent conviction shall be a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and punished as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection;
 - (5) If a person has been convicted of violating subsection (k) of this Code section premised on a refusal to submit to required testing or where such person's alcohol concentration at the time of the offense was 0.08 grams or more, and such person is subsequently convicted of violating subsection (a) of this Code section, such person shall be punished by applying the applicable level or grade of conviction specified in this subsection such that the previous conviction of violating subsection (k) of this Code

section shall be considered a previous conviction of violating subsection (a) of this Code section;

(6) For the purpose of imposing a sentence under this subsection, a plea of nolo contendere based on a violation of this Code section or a discharge or dismissal granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol related violation of this Code section shall constitute a conviction; and

(7) For purposes of determining the number of prior convictions or pleas of nolo contendere pursuant to the felony provisions of paragraph (4) of this subsection, only those offenses for which a conviction is obtained or a plea of nolo contendere is accepted on or after July 1, 2008, shall be considered; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting or modifying in any way administrative proceedings or sentence enhancement provisions under Georgia law, including, but not limited to, provisions relating to punishment of recidivist offenders pursuant to Title 17."

SECTION 13.

Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ignition interlock devices, is amended in Code Section 42-8-110, relating to definitions, applicability, purchase or lease of ignition interlock devices by counties, municipalities, or private entities, costs, fees, and deposits, and participation by indigents, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) A provider center shall be authorized to charge the person whose vehicle is to be equipped with an ignition interlock device such installation, deinstallation, and user fees as are approved by the Department of Driver Services; provided, however, that such fees shall not exceed \$75.00 for installation, \$75.00 for deinstallation, \$75.00 per month for user or rental fees, and \$75.00 for lock out fees, and any mileage fees assessed in connection with lock out services shall be a maximum of \$75.00 per lock out incident. A provider center may also require such person to make a security deposit for the safe return of the ignition interlock device. Payment of any or all of such fees and deposits may be made a condition of probation under this order.

(2) A provider center shall install an ignition interlock device at no cost upon presentation of a court ordered waiver of certain fees issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-111. Any person presenting such order shall be charged a reduced monthly monitoring rate at one-half the standard rate charged by the provider center operator."

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814 Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

815 "42-8-110.2. 816 (a) Upon granting of a discharge or dismissal pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an 817 alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391, the court may issue a certificate of 818 eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit, subject to the following 819 conditions: 820 (1) Such person shall have installed and shall maintain in each motor vehicle registered 821 in such person's name and any other motor vehicle to be driven by such person a functioning, certified ignition interlock device. Such person shall not drive any motor 822 823 vehicle that is not so equipped during the applicable period of suspension; and 824 (2) Upon successful completion of monitoring of such ignition interlock device during the applicable period of suspension, the restriction for maintaining and using such 825 826 ignition interlock device shall be removed. 827 (b)(1) The court may modify a previous order relating to ignition interlock device 828 requirements upon a determination that such requirements would subject such person to 829 undue financial hardship using standards set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of 830 Code Section 42-8-111. 831 (2) The court shall attach an order to a certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock 832 device limited driving permit which requires a waiver of fees assessed by an ignition 833 interlock device provider for an amount set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 42-8-110 upon a determination by the court, at the time a dismissal or 834 835 discharge is granted or any time thereafter, that a person is indigent or has an inability to 836 pay using the same analysis for waiving fines or fees set forth in subsection (e) of Code 837 Section 42-8-102. 838 (c) Any court which grants a discharge or dismissal pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for 839 an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall transmit to the Department of 840 Driver Services the record of discharge or dismissal along with a copy of the certificate of 841 eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit issued by the court. Such 842 certificate shall specify any vehicles subject to the installation requirements of this Code section. The records of the Department of Driver Services shall include such certificate, 843 844 and the person's driver's license shall contain a notation that the person may only operate 845 a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device. (d) The fee for issuance of any driver's license indicating that use of an ignition interlock 846 847 device is required shall be as prescribed for a regular driver's license in Code Section 40-5-25, and the fee for issuance of any limited driving permit indicating that use of an 848

ignition interlock device is required shall be as prescribed in Code Section 40-5-64.1.

(e) Waivers of certain fees ordered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be
 exempt from the subject matter jurisdiction limitations imposed in Code Sections 40-13-32
 and 40-13-33."

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<u>habitual violator</u> probationary license, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Such person shall have installed and shall maintain in each motor vehicle registered

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887 in such person's name for a period of not less than one year and any other motor vehicle 888 to be driven by such person a functioning, certified ignition interlock device. Such 889 person shall not operate any motor vehicle that is not so equipped during the applicable 890 period of suspension; 891 (2) Such person shall have installed and shall maintain in any other motor vehicle to be 892 driven by such person for a period of not less than one year a functioning, certified 893 ignition interlock device, and such person shall not drive any motor vehicle whatsoever 894 that is not so equipped during such period. Upon successful completion of one year of 895 monitoring of such ignition interlock device during the applicable period of suspension, the restriction for maintaining and using such ignition interlock device shall be removed, 896 897 and the permit may be renewed for additional periods of two months as provided in 898 paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 40-5-64.1; and 899 (3) Such person shall participate in a substance abuse treatment program as defined in 900 paragraph (16.2) of Code Section 40-5-1, a drug court division in compliance with Code 901 Section 15-1-15, a mental health court division in compliance with Code Section 15-1-16, 902 a veterans court division in compliance with Code Section 15-1-17, or an operating under 903 the influence court division in compliance with Code Section 15-1-19 for a period of not 904 less than 120 days. 905 For the purposes of this subsection, a plea of nolo contendere shall constitute a conviction; 906 and a conviction of any offense under the laws of any other state or territory of the United 907 States which, if committed in this state, would be a violation of Code Section 40-6-391; 908 and a discharge or dismissal granted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 for an alcohol 909 related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall be deemed a conviction of violating such 910 Code section Section 40-6-391. 911 $\frac{(b)(c)(1)}{(b)(c)(1)}$ The court may, in its discretion, decline to issue a certificate of eligibility for 912 an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or a habitual violator probationary license for any reason, or exempt a person from any or all ignition interlock device 913 914 requirements, or modify a previous order relating to ignition interlock device 915 requirements upon a determination that such requirements would subject such person to undue financial hardship. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of Code Section 916 917 40-13-32 or 40-13-33, a determination of <u>undue</u> financial hardship may be made at the time of conviction or any time thereafter. A probationer may demonstrate that undue 918 financial hardship would be caused through the proof of any of the following: 919 (A) A copy of the person's most recent federal income tax return that shows that the 920 921 person's income or household income does not exceed 125 percent of the federal

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poverty level according to the most recent data available by the federal Office of Management and Budget; 923 924 (B) A copy of the person's most recent statement of wages that shows that the person's 925 income or household income does not exceed 125 percent of the federal poverty level according to the most recent data available by the federal Office of Management and 926 927 Budget; or 928 (C) Documentation from a federal agency, state agency, or school district that indicates that the person or his or her household receives assistance from the following public 929 assistance programs: 930 931 (i) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); (ii) Supplemental Security Income (SSI); 932 933 (iii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or (iv) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). 934 935 (2) The court shall attach an order to a certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock 936 device limited driving permit which requires a waiver of fees assessed by an ignition interlock device provider for an amount set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of 937 Code Section 42-8-110 upon a determination by the court, at the time of conviction or 938 939 any time thereafter, that a person is indigent or has an inability to pay using the same 940 analysis for waiving fines or fees set forth in Code Section 42-8-102. 941 (3) If a court grants an exemption from the ignition interlock device requirements, such 942 person shall not be eligible for a limited driving permit or any other driving privilege for 943 a period of one year. 944 (c)(d) In the case of any person subject to the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this 945 Code section, the court shall include in the record of conviction or violation submitted to 946 the Department of Driver Services a copy of the certificate of eligibility for an ignition 947 interlock device limited driving permit or <u>habitual violator</u> probationary license issued by 948 the court or documentation of the court's decision to decline to issue such certificate. Such certificate shall specify any exemption from the installation requirements of paragraph (1) 949 950 of subsection (a) of this Code section and any vehicles subject to the installation 951 requirements of paragraph (2) of such subsection subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section. The records of the Department of Driver Services shall contain a record reflecting 952 such certificate, and the person's driver's license, limited driving permit, or probationary 953 954 license shall contain a notation that the person may only operate a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device. 955 (d)(e) Except as provided in Code Sections 40-5-67.2, 40-5-76, 42-8-110.1, and 42-8-112, 956 957 no provision of this article shall be deemed to reduce any period of driver's license 958 suspension or revocation otherwise imposed by law.

(e)(f) The fee for issuance of any driver's license indicating that use of an ignition interlock device is required shall be as prescribed for a regular driver's license in Code Section 40-5-25, and the fee for issuance of any limited driving permit indicating that use of an ignition interlock device is required shall be as prescribed in Code Section 40-5-64.1; except that, for habitual violators required to use an ignition interlock device as a condition of a <u>habitual violator</u> probationary license, the fee shall be as prescribed for a <u>habitual</u> violator probationary license in Code Section 40-5-58. (f)(g) Exemptions granted due to <u>undue</u> financial hardship <u>and waivers of certain fees</u> ordered pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) (c) of this Code section shall be exempt

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970 **SECTION 16.**

Said article is further amended in Code Section 42-8-112, relating to timing of issuance of 971 ignition interlock device limited driving permit, documentation required, and reporting 972 required, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as 973 974 follows:

> "(a)(1) In any case where the court grants a certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license pursuant to Code Section 42-8-111 to a person whose driver's license is suspended pursuant to subparagraph (c)(2)(C) of Code Section 40-5-57.1 or paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63, the Department of Driver Services shall not issue an ignition interlock device limited driving permit until after the expiration of 120 days from the date of the conviction for which such certificate was granted."

> "(5)(A) Any person who has been issued an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or a habitual violator probationary license bearing an ignition interlock device condition shall maintain such ignition interlock device in any motor vehicle he or she operates to the extent required by the certificate of eligibility for such permit or probationary license issued to such person by the court in which he or she was convicted for not less than one year the applicable period of suspension.

(B) Upon the expiration of the applicable period of suspension for an such one-year ignition interlock device limited driving permit or habitual violator probationary license, the driver may, if otherwise qualified, apply for renewal of such permit or probationary license without such ignition interlock device restriction."

992 **SECTION 17.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-117, relating to revocation of driving privilege upon violation of probation imposed by Code Section 42-8-111, as follows:

- 995 "42-8-117.
- (a)(1) In the event the sentencing court revokes a person's probation after finding that
 such person has violated the terms of the certificate of eligibility for an ignition interlock
 device limited driving permit or <u>a habitual violator</u> probationary license issued pursuant
- to subsection (a) <u>or (b)</u> of Code Section 42-8-111, the Department of Driver Services
- shall revoke that person's driving privilege for one year from the date the court revokes
- that person's probation. The court shall report such probation revocation to the
- Department of Driver Services by court order.
- 1003 (2) This subsection shall not apply to any person whose limited driving permit has been
- revoked under subsection (d) of Code Section 42-8-112.
- 1005 (b) In the event the sentencing court revokes a person's probation after finding that such
- person has twice violated the terms of the certificate of eligibility for a probationary license
- 1007 or an ignition interlock device limited driving permit or probationary license issued
- pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 42-8-111 during the same period of probation,
- the Department of Driver Services shall revoke that person's driving privilege for five years
- from the date the court revokes that person's probation for a second time. The court shall
- report such probation revocation to the Department of Driver Services by court order."

1012 **SECTION 18.**

- Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-118, relating to requesting or
- 1014 soliciting another to blow into device and tampering with or circumventing operation of
- 1015 device, as follows:
- 1016 "42-8-118.
- 1017 (a) It is unlawful for any person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to
- subsection (a) or (b) of Code Section 42-8-111 to request or solicit any other person to
- blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with the device
- for the purpose of providing the person so restricted with an operable motor vehicle.
- 1021 (b) It is unlawful for any person to blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a motor
- vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing an operable motor vehicle
- to a person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of Code
- 1024 Section 42-8-111.
- 1025 (c) It is unlawful to tamper with, or circumvent the operation of, an ignition interlock
- device.

1027 (d) Any person violating any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a 1028 misdemeanor."

1029 **SECTION 19.**

Code Section 16-13-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditional 1030 1031 discharge for possession of controlled substances as first offense and certain nonviolent 1032 property crimes, dismissal of charges, and restitution to victims, is amended by revising 1033 subsection (c) as follows:

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"(c) Persons charged with an offense enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section and persons charged for the first time with an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391, whose test results pursuant to Code Section 40-5-67.1 indicated an alcohol concentration of less than 0.15 grams, or a nonviolent property crimes crime which, in the judgment of the court exercising jurisdiction over such offenses, were related to the accused's addiction to a controlled substance or alcohol who are eligible for any court approved drug or alcohol treatment program may, in the discretion of the court and with the consent of the accused, be sentenced in accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section. The probated sentence imposed may be for a period of up to five years. No discharge and dismissal without court adjudication of guilt shall be entered under this subsection until the accused has made full restitution to all victims of the charged offenses. Discharge and dismissal under this Code section shall be without court adjudication of guilt and shall not be deemed a conviction for purposes of this Code section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime except for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities associated with a second or subsequent alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 or for purposes of determining eligibility for a commercial driver's license pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 40. Discharge Except for a discharge and dismissal for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391, discharge and dismissal under this Code section may not be used to disqualify a person in any application for employment or appointment to office in either the public or private sector. Access to the criminal history record information, including any fingerprints or photographs of the individual taken in conjunction with the arrest, of any persons granted a discharge and dismissal for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 pursuant to this Code section shall not be restricted pursuant to Code Section 35-3-37. Any person holding a commercial driver's license shall not be eligible for discharge and dismissal under this Code section based upon an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391. Any court granting a discharge or dismissal for an alcohol related violation of Code Section 40-6-391 shall impose the punishments set forth in subparagraphs (c)(1)(C), (c)(1)(D), and (c)(1)(E) of Code Section 40-6-391."

1063 **SECTION 20.**

1064 Chapter 12A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ignition 1065 interlock device providers, is amended in Code Section 43-12A-2, relating to definitions 1066 relative to ignition interlock device providers, by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

"(4) 'Provider center' means a facility established for the purpose of providing and installing ignition interlock devices when their use is required by or as a result of an order of a court or issuance of an ignition interlock device limited driving permit pursuant to Code Section 40-5-64.1."

1071 **SECTION 21.**

- Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-12A-4, relating to requirements for operating a provider center, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:
- 1074 "(d) No license shall be granted to an applicant who does not agree in writing to waive,
- 1075 upon receipt of a court order issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code
- Section 42-8-111, the amount set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section
- 1077 <u>42-8-110.</u>"

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1078 **SECTION 22.**

- 1079 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 42-12A-8, relating to suspension
- 1080 of license of an ignition interlock device provider, as follows:
- 1081 "43-12A-8.
- The department may cancel, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any provider center's
- license upon good cause being shown and after ten days' notice to the license holder if:
- 1084 (1) The department is satisfied that the licensee fails to meet the requirements to receive
- or hold a license under this chapter;
- 1086 (2) The licensee permits fraud or engages in fraudulent practices, with reference to either
- the applicant or the department, or induces or countenances fraud or fraudulent practices
- on the part of any applicant for a driver's license or permit;
- 1089 (3) The licensee fails to comply with this chapter or any rule of the department made
- pursuant thereto;
- 1091 (4) The licensee represents himself or herself as an agent or employee of the department
- or uses advertising designed to lead, or which would reasonably have the effect of
- leading, persons to believe that such licensee is in fact an employee or representative of
- the department;
- 1095 (5) The licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee directly or indirectly solicits
- business by personal solicitation on public property or in any department, agency, or
- office of the state which involves the administration of any law relating to motor vehicles,

1098	whether by telephone, mail, or electronic communications. A violation of this paragraph
1099	shall be a misdemeanor. Advertising in any mass media, including, but not limited to,
1100	newspapers, radio, television, magazines, or telephone directories, by a provider center
1101	shall not be considered a violation of this paragraph; or
1102	(6) The driver's license of the licensee has been canceled, suspended, or revoked; or
1103	(7) The department finds that the licensee has engaged in a pattern of refusing
1104	installation services to persons presenting a valid court order issued pursuant to paragraph
1105	(2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-111."

1106 **SECTION 23.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.

1109 **SECTION 24.**

1110 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.