

House Bill 38

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so
2 as to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation
3 of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to
4 provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of
5 motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control; to provide for the manner of
6 riding a motorcycle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, is amended
11 in Code Section 40-5-23, relating to classes of licenses, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

12 "(c) The noncommercial classes of motor vehicles for which operators may be licensed
13 shall be as follows:

14 Class C — Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000
15 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in
16 excess of 10,000 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
17 rating in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided that the combination of vehicles has a gross
18 combined vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds, any three-wheeled motor
19 vehicle that is equipped with a steering wheel for directional control, and any
20 self-propelled or towed vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for
21 recreational, camping, or travel purposes and is used solely as a family or personal
22 conveyance; except that any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating
23 not in excess of 26,000 pounds may be operated under such class of license if such
24 combination of vehicles are controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport
25 agricultural products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm, and
26 are not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier;

Class D — Provisional license applicable to noncommercial Class C vehicles for which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive;

Class E — Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided that the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles included within Class F and Class C;

Class F — Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles included within Class C;

Class M — Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and three-wheeled motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control;

Class P — Instruction permit applicable to all types of vehicles for which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive.

(d) Any applicant for a Class E or Class F license must possess a valid Georgia driver's license for Class C vehicles. A license issued pursuant to this Code section shall not be a commercial driver's license."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-311, relating to manner of riding a motorcycle, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle equipped with handlebars for directional control only ~~while~~ by sitting astride the seat, facing forward, and with one leg on either side of the motorcycle."

SECTION 3.

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