

House Bill 242

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Powell of the 33rd

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 provide for an additional
3 penalty for violation of traffic laws or ordinances under "Joshua's Law"; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 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 adding a new Code section to
10 read as follows:

11 "15-21-179.

12 (a) In each case in which a court in this state imposes a fine or bond payment, which shall
13 be construed to include costs, for a violation of the traffic laws of this state or for violations
14 of an ordinance of any political subdivisions that have adopted by reference the traffic laws
15 of this state, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty a sum equal to 3 percent of the
16 original fine.

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17 (b) The additional penalty sum provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be
18 in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension, annuity, or retirement fund
19 under Title 47 or any other law of this state and in addition to any other amounts provided
20 for in this article."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023, and shall apply to offenses committed on
23 or after such date.

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.