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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency may provide by rule for the topics covered on the driver's license examination and the manner in which the examination is administered. Under existing rule, the Alabama Driver's Manual contains information on the topics tested.

This bill would require the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency to include information on how to respond to law enforcement stops in the Alabama Driver's Manual and other licensing examination materials issued pursuant to its rules.

This bill would also require the State Department of Education to include instruction on how to respond to law enforcement traffic stops in its approved driver's education courses.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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2 Relating to driver's licensing; to require the
3 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency to include information on
4 how to respond to law enforcement traffic stops in its
5 driver's manual and licensing examination materials; and to
6 specify that the State Department of Education shall require
7 any driver's education course offered at a public high school
8 to include in its curriculum instruction on how to respond to
9 law enforcement traffic stops.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. (a) The Alabama State Law Enforcement
12 Agency shall provide information on how to respond to law
13 enforcement traffic stops in the Alabama Driver's Manual and
14 any other manual or information created for the purpose of
15 preparing an applicant for a driver's license or driver's
16 permit to take the examination required by Section 32-6-3 of
17 the Code of Alabama 1975.

18 (b) The State Department of Education shall require
19 any driver's education course offered at a public high school
20 and for which the department issues a certificate of
21 completion pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
22 Section 32-6-7.2, Code of Alabama 1975, to include in its
23 curriculum instruction on how to respond to law enforcement
24 traffic stops.

25 (c) The information or instruction required by
26 subsections (a) and (b) shall inform the applicant or student
27 of the following:

1 (1) The expectations of the law enforcement officer
2 as to where the driver should pull over.

3 (2) How the driver should conduct himself or herself
4 during a traffic stop.

5 (3) How the driver can physically and verbally
6 present himself or herself as not being aggressive toward the
7 law enforcement officer.

8 (4) The law enforcement officer is in charge of the
9 traffic stop and the driver should comply with his or her
10 requests.

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.