



March 1, 2022

Dear Members of the Georgia State Senate Public Safety Committee,

The Metro Atlanta Chamber writes in support of Senate Bill 353, legislation that would help get Georgians back to work by permitting the reinstatement of a suspended driver's license in certain circumstances where an individual fails to appear in court for a uniform traffic citation. Senate Bill 353 would also allow for a full waiver of the license restoration fee in certain circumstances.

Under current Georgia law, a failure to appear for any traffic violation automatically results in a suspended driver's license, with no option for the court to recall the suspension if an individual subsequently appears. Georgia's workforce depends on access to a driver's license – according to U.S. Census Bureau data, 79.5% of Georgians drive to work. A license suspension negatively impacts an individual's ability to get to their place of employment, which can lead to missed days of work or even worse, job loss.

Senate Bill 353 would help keep Georgia's workforce employed by allowing for the reinstatement of a driver's license prior to adjudication of an individual's uniform traffic violation citation and by allowing for a full waiver of the restoration fee in certain circumstances.

The Metro Atlanta Chamber supports "Getting Georgians Back to Work" and respectfully requests you vote YES on Senate Bill 353. We appreciate this chamber's efforts to continue making Georgia a better state for business and ask for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 353.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marshall Guest'.

Marshall Guest  
Senior Vice President, Business Climate