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## **SB 67 Would Violate the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as well as Federal Law, and Affect Rights of U.S. Citizens and Lawful Residents**

SB 67 would impact U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who have not been in the United States long enough to feel comfortable with a written driver's exam administered in English. The Georgia Department of Driver's Services already requires some level of English proficiency.

SB 67 would violate federal transportation law and expose Georgia residents to federal sanctions.

***The ACLU of Georgia stands in strong opposition to this bill, because it violates federal law and the Constitution and would negatively affect U.S. citizens and Legal Permanent Residents with limited English proficiency.***

### **Violates Federal Law and the Constitution**

- By discriminating against those with limited English proficiency, this bill could be found in violation of the regulations issued pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as well as the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Federal law regulating transportation funding specifically requires all beneficiaries of U.S. Department of Transportation funding to take reasonable steps to ensure persons with limited English proficiency meaningful access to their programs and activities.

### **Negatively Impacts U.S. Citizens and Lawful Residents**

- There are many individuals legally residing in the United States for whom English is not the primary language. These law-abiding individuals should not be discriminated against.
- For limited English proficiency individuals, language can be a barrier to accessing important benefits, services, or information provided by federally funded programs, understanding and exercising important rights, as well as complying with applicable responsibilities.

# **Vote NO on SB 67**

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