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**Ga. Lawmaker Proposes Doing Away With Driver's Licenses**

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## State Rep. Bobby Franklin Of Marietta Defends House Bill 7

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**ATLANTA** -- A state lawmaker from Marietta is sponsoring a bill that seeks to do away with Georgia driver's licenses.

State Rep. Bobby Franklin, R-Marietta, has filed House Bill 7, calling it the "Right to Travel Act."

In his bill, Franklin states, "Free people have a common law and constitutional right to travel on the roads and highways that are provided by their government for that purpose. Licensing of drivers cannot be required of free people, because taking on the restrictions of a license requires the surrender of an inalienable right."

Franklin told CBS Atlanta News that driver's licenses are a throw back to oppressive times. "Agents of the state demanding your papers," he said. "We're getting that way here."

CBS Atlanta's Rebekka Schramm asked Franklin, "How are we going to keep up with who's who and who's on the roads and who's not supposed to be on the roads?"

"That's a great question," Franklin said. "And I would have to answer that with a question, 'Why do you need to know who's who?'"

"What about 12-14-year-olds who want to drive? What would stop them?" Schramm asked.

"Well, what's stopping them now anyway?" Franklin answered.

But not all drivers are on board with the lawmaker's idea.

"I think people should be qualified in some way to drive," Susan Cotton said.

"It's kind of dumb. We need to focus on more important things. The system is working," Sheriyar Sarkari said.

Franklin's name is on the first 21 bills of the legislative session, including one that would require the exclusive use of gold and silver as tender in payment of debts by or to the state, as required in the Georgia Constitution.

"Can the state really pay in gold and silver?" Schramm asked.

"Sure, and they can write checks on it," Franklin said. "They can use a debit card as long as what's denominated behind it is gold and silver."

Franklin is also behind House Bill 11, which would repeal the authority of the governor to issue mandatory vaccination orders. "I'm a firm believer that no person should be subjected to an invasive medical procedure without their consent," he said.

"Have you ever had critics say, 'Look, some of these bills are a waste of paper?'" Schramm asked.

"I can't speak for what other people think," Franklin said. "I just know I took an oath to uphold the Constitution, and that's what I'm trying to do."

You can view all of the bills submitted so far by State Rep. Bobby Franklin.

Just go to <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/Search.aspx>, go under Member Name and scroll down to Franklin.

