

Senate Bill 377

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Harp of the 16th, Crotts of the 17th and Hill of the 4th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to
3 provide for special license plates for veterans of the armed forces of the United States who
4 have received certain citations; to provide for waiver of certain fees for such plates; to
5 provide for procedures, rules, and regulations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by
11 inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "40-2-68.1.

13 (a) Any motor vehicle owner who has received any of the following specified citations as
14 a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is a resident of this state, upon
15 compliance with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
16 vehicles, shall be issued a special and distinctive license plate recognizing him or her as a
17 recipient of such citation, provided that any and all registration, revalidation, and
18 manufacturing fees for such license plate shall be waived:

19 (1) Army citations including the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service
20 Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, or
21 Bronze Star;

22 (2) Navy or Marine Corps citations including the Navy Cross, Defense Distinguished
23 Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion
24 of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, or Navy or Marine Corps Medal; or

- 1 (3) Air Force citations including the Air Force Cross, Defense Distinguished Service
2 Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal,
3 Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Airman's Medal, or Bronze Star.
- 4 (b) The commissioner shall issue such license plates beginning in 2003 and thereafter to
5 such decorated veterans.
- 6 (c) License plates issued under this Code section shall be transferred between vehicles as
7 provided in Code Section 40-2-80.
- 8 (d) The commissioner is authorized and directed to design the license plates, establish
9 procedures, and promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Code
10 section."

11 **SECTION 2.**

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