

House Bill 1261

By: Representatives Bridges of the 9th, Snow of the 2nd, Benfield of the 67th, Everett of the 163rd and Twiggs of the 8th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to motor vehicle registration and licensing generally, so as to change certain
3 provisions relating to display of license plates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 motor vehicle registration and licensing generally, is amended by striking Code Section
9 40-2-41, relating to display of license plates, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "40-2-41.

11 Unless otherwise permitted under this chapter, every vehicle required to be registered under
12 this chapter, which is in use upon the highways, shall at all times display the license plate
13 issued to the owner for such vehicle, and the plate shall be fastened to the rear of the
14 vehicle in a position so as not to swing and shall be at all times plainly visible. No person
15 shall display on the rear of a motor vehicle any temporary or permanent plate or tag not
16 issued by the State of Georgia which is intended to resemble a license plate which is issued
17 by the State of Georgia. The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules and regulations so
18 as to permit the display of a license plate on the front of certain vehicles. It shall be the
19 duty of the operator of any vehicle to keep the license plate legible at all times. No license
20 plate shall be covered with any material unless the material is colorless and transparent and
21 does not diminish the legibility of the license plate on any photographs or electronic images
22 produced by automated cameras or video recorders which are lawfully used to monitor
23 compliance with traffic laws or toll payment requirements. No apparatus that obstructs or
24 hinders the clear display and legibility of a license plate shall be attached to the rear of any
25 motor vehicle required to be registered in the state. Any person who violates any provision
26 of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.