

Senate Bill 484

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Brown of the 26th, Walker of the 22nd, Stokes of the 43rd,
Scott of the 36th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
3 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to
4 provide for a special license plate honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; to provide for
5 issuance, renewal, fees, licensing agreements, applications, and transfers relative to such
6 special license plates; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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SECTION 1.

10 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by
12 adding a new Code Section 40-2-86.7 to read as follows:

13 "40-2-86.7.

14 (a) There shall be issued beginning in 2003 special license plates honoring Alpha Kappa
15 Alpha Sorority, Inc.

16 (b) License plates issued under this Code section shall include a unique identifying
17 number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed four, provided that no two
18 recipients receive identical plates. The license plates shall depict an ivy leaf, the three
19 corners of which shall be inscribed with the initials 'AKA' and at the bottom of the license
20 plate shall be displayed the designation 'Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.' Such special
21 license shall be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle license plates. It shall not
22 be a requirement that a county name decal be affixed and displayed on license plates issued
23 under this Code section.

24 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
25 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
26 agreement or otherwise, received such license or other permission as may be required to
27 implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of such special license plate,

1 as well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
2 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
3 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
4 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
5 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
6 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
7 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
8 authorized by the commissioner.

9 (d) On and after January 1, 2003, any motor vehicle owner who is a resident of Georgia,
10 other than one registering under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with
11 state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and payment of a
12 manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, shall
13 be issued such a special license plate upon application therefor. Special license plates
14 issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually with a revalidation decal as
15 provided in Code Section 40-2-31 upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual
16 registration fee, which fee shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of
17 collection of other registration fees and remitted to the state as provided in Code Section
18 40-2-34.

19 (e) The commissioner shall retain all applications for such special license plates until a
20 minimum of 1,000 applications has been received. If the commissioner does not receive
21 the required minimum of 1,000 applications no later than July 31 of the year preceding the
22 year of issuance of such plates, no such special plates shall be issued, and all fees shall be
23 refunded to applicants. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with state laws
24 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

25 (f) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between
26 vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
29 without such approval.

30 **SECTION 3.**

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