

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 400:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide for additional exclusions with respect to certain vehicle decal or display requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is amended by striking Code Section 36-80-20, relating to vehicle decal or seal display requirements, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 36-80-20 to read as follows:

"36-80-20.

(a) Every motor vehicle which is owned or leased by any county, municipality, regional development center, county or independent school system, commission, board, or public authority or which has been purchased or leased by any public official or public employee with public funds shall have affixed to the front door on each side of such vehicle a clearly visible decal or seal containing the name of or otherwise identifying such governmental entity.

(b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) Any any vehicle used for law enforcement or prosecution purposes; ~~or~~

(2) Any any vehicle owned or leased by a county or municipality expressly excepted from the provisions of this Code section by a resolution or ordinance adopted by the governing authority of a county or municipality following a public hearing on the subject held no more than 14 days prior to the adoption of the ordinance or resolution; or

(3) Any vehicle owned or leased by any regional development center, county or independent school system, commission, board, or public authority expressly excepted

1 from the provisions of this Code section by a resolution or ordinance adopted by the  
2 governing authority or board of such entity following a public hearing on the subject held  
3 no more than 14 days prior to the adoption of such resolution or ordinance. Any such  
4 exemption under this paragraph shall be for a period of no more than 12 months at a time  
5 and may be renewed annually following a public hearing as required by this paragraph.  
6 Any such public hearing shall be advertised one time in the legal organ of the county at  
7 least seven days prior to the hearing date."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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

11 **SECTION 3.**

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