

House Bill 86

By: Representative Parham of the 94th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 motor vehicle accident reparations, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to vehicles not
3 to be licensed until proof of insurance is furnished; to amend Code Section 40-2-26 of the
4 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form and contents of application for
5 registration and heavy vehicle tax, so as to change certain provisions relating to vehicles not
6 to be registered unless proof of insurance is furnished; to provide effective dates; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 34 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle
11 accident reparations, is amended by striking and reserving Code Section 33-34-5, relating to
12 vehicles not to be licensed until proof of insurance is furnished.

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Code Section 40-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form and
15 contents of application for registration and heavy vehicle tax, is amended by striking
16 subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17 "(d) On and after February 1, 2003, no vehicle registration or renewal thereof shall be
18 issued to any motor vehicle if:

19 (1) If the vehicle registration thereof has been revoked, suspended, or canceled; and
20 unless

21 (2) Unless the owner of the motor vehicle provides satisfactory proof that the motor
22 vehicle is subject to a policy of insurance that provides the minimum motor vehicle
23 insurance coverage required by Chapter 34 of Title 33 or an approved self-insurance plan,
24 and the records of the department reflect that such coverage is in effect pursuant to notice
25 provided in accordance with Code Section 40-5-71 or, in the absence of such notice, the

1 county tag agent or the authorized designee thereof has obtained written proof from the
2 insurer or insurer's agent that such coverage is in effect, and in the case of a private
3 passenger vehicle that such coverage was initially issued for a minimum term of six
4 months; provided, however, that the owner's inability to register or renew the registration
5 of any motor vehicle due to lack of proof of insurance shall not excuse or defer the timely
6 payment of ad valorem taxes due and payable upon said vehicle. ~~The owner shall submit~~
7 ~~such proof in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 40-6-10."~~

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
10 without such approval or on February 1, 2003, whichever last occurs.

11 **SECTION 4.**

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