

House Bill 84

By: Representative Parham of the 94th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration and licensing of dealers, manufacturers, and persons transporting motor vehicles
3 and mobile homes, so as to provide that dealer license plates may be used only by corporate
4 officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and
8 licensing of dealers, manufacturers, and persons transporting motor vehicles and mobile
9 homes, is by striking subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:
10 "(a) Manufacturers, distributors, and dealers engaged in the manufacture, sale, or leasing
11 of vehicles required to be registered under Code Section 40-2-20 shall register with the
12 commissioner, making application for a distinguishing dealer's number, specifying the
13 name and make of motor vehicle, tractor, or trailer manufactured, sold, or leased by them,
14 upon forms prepared by the commissioner for such purposes, and pay therefor a fee of
15 \$62.00, which shall accompany such application. Upon payment of such fee by a dealer,
16 the commissioner shall furnish to the dealer one number plate to expire December 31 of
17 odd-numbered years, to be known as a dealer's number, and to be distinguished from the
18 number plates provided for in this chapter by a different and distinguishing color to be
19 determined by the commissioner, with the word 'Dealer' on same; a dealer's number plate
20 to be for the purpose of demonstrating or transporting dealer's vehicles or trailers for sale
21 or lease. No dealer may use or permit to be used a dealer's number for private use or on
22 cars for hire, for lease, or other manner not provided for in this Code section. A dealer may
23 use or permit to be used a dealer's number for private use on vehicles owned by the
24 dealership, regardless of whether such vehicle has been issued a certificate of title or
25 registered, when such vehicles are operated by ~~an employee or~~ a corporate officer of the
26 dealer which has been issued such number. A distinguishing dealer's number used by an

1 ~~employee or officer~~ shall authorize such person to operate the vehicle to which the number
2 is attached on the public highways and streets. A dealer may apply for one or more
3 distinguishing dealer's numbers. The manufacturer's or distributor's license plate is limited
4 to no longer than six months' use per vehicle. Upon payment of such a fee by a
5 manufacturer or distributor, the commissioner shall issue to manufacturers and distributors
6 number plates with the word 'Manufacturer' or 'Distributor' on such plates. Nothing in this
7 subsection shall preclude a manufacturer or distributor from using a 'Manufacturer' or
8 'Distributor' number plate on motor vehicles ~~they own~~ it owns when such vehicles are used
9 for evaluation or demonstration purposes, notwithstanding incidental personal use by a
10 manufacturer or distributor. In the event the dealers, distributors, or manufacturers desire
11 more than one tag, they shall so state on the application, and, in addition to the fee of
12 \$62.00 provided in this Code section, shall pay \$12.00 for each and every additional
13 number plate furnished. Persons engaged in the business of transporting vehicles for others
14 under such vehicle's own power shall likewise be entitled to obtain license plates under this
15 Code section, but such plates shall be used only on vehicles being transported."

16 **SECTION 2.**

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