

House Bill 1383

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd, Reece of the 21st, O'Neal of the 117th, Buck of the 112th, Roberts of the 135th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for special license plates
3 commemorating the Georgia Association of Realtors; to provide for issuance, renewal, fees,
4 licensing agreements, applications, and transfers relative to such license plates, to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and
9 licensing of motor vehicles, is amended by adding a new Code Section 40-2-86.9 to read as
10 follows:

11 "(a) There shall be issued special and distinctive vehicle license plates commemorating the
12 Georgia Association of Realtors for their longstanding support of housing opportunities for
13 all citizens of this state, private property rights, and all organizations that assist people in
14 achieving the American dream of home ownership, subject to the conditions set forth in
15 this Code section.

16 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates to commemorate the
17 Georgia Association of Realtors. The license plates must be of the same size as general
18 issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying
19 number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients
20 shall receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
21 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
22 three inches. Such design shall not provide space in which to indicate the name of the
23 county of issuance. Any person may request the assignment of the first of 100 in a series
24 of license plates upon payment of an additional initial registration fee of \$25.00 for each
25 license plate requested.

1 (c) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
2 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
3 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
4 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
5 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate commemorating the Georgia
6 Association of Realtors. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the
7 same manner as provided for general issue license plates.

8 (d) An applicant may request a license plate commemorating the Georgia Association of
9 Realtors at any time during the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to
10 replace a current valid license plate, such license plate shall be issued with appropriate
11 decals attached.

12 (e) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
13 upon the receipt by the department of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate
14 shall have an application period of two years after the effective date of this Code section,
15 for payment of the manufacturing fee. After such time if the minimum number of
16 applications is not met, the department shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee,
17 and all fees shall be refunded to applicants.

18 (f) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
19 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
20 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
21 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
22 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee which fee
23 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
24 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
25 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
26 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
27 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
28 Code Section 40-2-31, the department must receive 1,000 applications accompanied by the
29 manufacturing fee to continue to manufacture the license plate.

30 (g) Georgia Association of Realtors license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to
31 another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

32 (h) Georgia Association of Realtors license plates shall be issued within 30 days of
33 application once the requirements of this Code section have been met."

34 SECTION 2.

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