

House Resolution 1322 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Parham of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide for special motor vehicle license plates, dedicate the revenue from such plates for
 3 stated purposes, and appropriate the revenues so dedicated, including appropriations for the
 4 ultimate use of nonprofit organizations where it is found that there will be a benefit to the
 5 state; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for
 6 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution, relating to appropriations for
 10 specific sums, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

11 "(n) The General Assembly may provide by law for the issuance and renewal of special
 12 motor vehicle license plates which motor vehicle owners may optionally purchase and
 13 renew for additional fees. The General Assembly may provide for all or a portion of the net
 14 revenue, as defined by the General Assembly, derived from the additional fees charged for
 15 any such special license plate to be dedicated to a general purpose related to the nature of
 16 the special license plate, as intended by the authorizing statute. Revenue which is so
 17 dedicated shall be appropriated for such purpose in the general or amended general
 18 appropriations Act. The manner of any such appropriation and the public agency to receive
 19 such appropriation shall be determined in the general or amended general appropriations
 20 Act through the general appropriations process. Any appropriation enacted pursuant to the
 21 authority of this subparagraph may be in whole or in part for the ultimate use of a nonprofit
 22 organization, without limitation by Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI, if the General
 23 Assembly determines that the license plate program and such appropriation will benefit
 24 both the state and the nonprofit organization. Any law enacted pursuant to the authority of
 25 this subparagraph may provide that funds appropriated pursuant to such law shall not lapse
 26 as otherwise required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c). Any statute which existed
 27 on January 1, 2005, and which created a special license plate and appropriated, or

1 expressed an intent to appropriate, revenue shall be subject to the provisions of this
2 subparagraph, but any such law shall also be subject to amendment or repeal by the
3 General Assembly; provided, however, that any statute authorized by the first subparagraph
4 (g) of Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI (proposed by Ga. L. 2000, p. 2001, Section 1)
5 or by subparagraph (l) or (m) of this Paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of this
6 subparagraph."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
9 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
10 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

11 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly
12 to provide for special motor vehicle license plates, dedicate the revenue
13 () NO from such plates for stated purposes, and appropriate the revenues so
14 dedicated, including appropriations for the ultimate use of nonprofit
15 organizations where it is found that there will be a benefit to the state?"

16 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
17 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
18 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
19 become a part of the Constitution of this state.