

House Bill 1743

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 registration and licensing of vehicles of state and political subdivisions, so as to provide for  
3 permanent license plates for motor vehicles owned by a municipality or political subdivision;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and  
8 licensing of vehicles of state and political subdivisions, is amended by striking subsections  
9 (a) and (b) and inserting in their places the following:

10 "(a) All vehicles of the type required to be registered by Code Section 40-2-20 owned by  
11 the State of Georgia or any municipality or other political subdivision of this state and used  
12 exclusively for governmental functions, except those employed in secret investigatory  
13 police functions to which regular Georgia license plates are issued, shall be registered with  
14 the commissioner by the fiscal officers or other proper officials of the respective  
15 departments and agencies of the state, municipality, or political subdivision to which such  
16 vehicles belong prior to operation and use thereof. Such registration shall be made upon  
17 forms prescribed and prepared by the commissioner for such purpose and shall contain a  
18 brief description of the vehicle to be registered; its name and model; the name of the  
19 manufacturer; the manufacturer's vehicle identification number; the department, agency,  
20 political subdivision, or branch thereof to which such vehicle is to be registered; and such  
21 other information as to use and identity as the commissioner may require. Upon the filing  
22 of the properly executed application for registration, the commissioner, upon being  
23 satisfied that such vehicle is bona fide owned by the state or a municipality or political  
24 subdivision thereof and is to be used exclusively for governmental functions, shall issue,  
25 upon payment by such applicant of a license fee of \$1.00, a license plate which shall be  
26 displayed upon such vehicle in the same manner as provided for private vehicles. ~~Such~~

1 ~~license plates shall be replaced at such time as other license plates issued for private~~  
2 ~~vehicles are required to be replaced. Such license plates need not be replaced except if the~~  
3 ~~license plates are mutilated, defaced, or lose legibility in the discretion of the municipality~~  
4 ~~or political subdivision.~~

5 (b) For all vehicles owned by the State of Georgia or any municipality or other political  
6 subdivision of this state, except those vehicles employed in covert or secret investigatory  
7 police functions to which regular Georgia license plates are issued and those vehicles  
8 owned by the ~~Department of Public Safety~~ department, the commissioner shall provide for  
9 ~~five-year~~ registration and issuance of regular license plates for such vehicles. The ~~five-year~~  
10 license plates issued pursuant to this subsection shall be identical in appearance to regular  
11 license plates issued for private vehicles, except that such ~~five-year~~ license plates shall not  
12 display any year of registration or registration expiration. Such license plates may be  
13 transferred as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section. Such ~~five-year~~ license  
14 plates shall be issued ~~at the beginning of a five-year license period as for private vehicles~~  
15 ~~or shall be issued~~ at the time the vehicle is purchased by the state, ~~and all such license~~  
16 ~~plates shall expire at the same time as regular license plates."~~

17 **SECTION 2.**

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