

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to SB 407:

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 promoting historical preservation efforts in Georgia, promoting the AIDS Survival Project,
 4 Inc., promoting the Boy Scouts of America, promoting the Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate
 5 of the National Wild Turkey Federation, promoting Georgia veterans and supporting the
 6 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home and the Georgia State War Veterans Home, promoting
 7 organ and tissue donation organizations, promoting Special Olympics Georgia, promoting
 8 the Thanks Mom and Dad Fund, promoting the 501(c)(3) foundations of the Braves, Falcons,
 9 Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in Georgia, promoting "Share the Road" messages for
 10 motorists and bicyclists and programs related to such motorists and bicyclists, promoting the
 11 Masons, promoting Girl Scouts U.S.A., and commemorating the Georgia Association of
 12 Realtors; to provide for issuance, renewal, fees, licensing agreements, applications, transfers,
 13 and disposition of funds relative to such license plates; to provide that any Georgia license
 14 plate issued in the year 1970 or before shall be an authentic historical Georgia license plate
 15 and to provide for display of such license plates on certain motor vehicles; to change certain
 16 provisions relating to the administrative process for additional special license plates; to
 17 provide for Purple Heart license plates for motorcycles; to provide for special license plates
 18 promoting the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks; to provide for special license
 19 plates displaying an image of the flag of the United States; to provide for special license
 20 plates for veterans who have been awarded the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, and the
 21 Distinguished Service Cross; to provide for issuance, renewal, fees, licensing agreements,
 22 applications, and transfers relative to such special license plates; to provide for related
 23 matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under
 24 certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, is amended by adding new Code Sections 40-2-86.9 through 40-2-86.21 to read as follows:

"40-2-86.9.

(a) In order to promote historic preservation efforts in Georgia and the Division of Historic Preservation of the Department of Natural Resources, there shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting historic preservation efforts in Georgia, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

(b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote historic preservation efforts in Georgia. The license plates must be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by three inches.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as authorized by the commissioner.

(d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting historic preservation efforts in Georgia. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.

(e) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for

1 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
2 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of promoting historic
3 preservation efforts in Georgia, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
4 Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the
5 Department of Natural Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the
6 general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately
7 making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the use
8 of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. Any
9 audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If an
10 audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this Code
11 section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner, then the
12 commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Any funds
13 appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

14 (f) An applicant may request a historic preservation license plate any time during the
15 applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license
16 plate, the historic preservation license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals
17 attached.

18 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
19 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
20 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
21 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
22 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
23 applicants.

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

36 (i) Historic Preservation license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another
37 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

1 (j) Historic Preservation license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once
2 the requirements of this Code section have been met.

3 40-2-86.10.

4 (a) In order to promote the AIDS Survival Project, Inc., and activities directly in support
5 thereof, there shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting
6 the AIDS Survival Project, Inc., subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

7 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
8 the AIDS Survival Project, Inc. The license plates shall be of the same size as general issue
9 motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number,
10 whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall
11 receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
12 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
13 three inches.

14 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
15 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
16 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
17 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
18 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
19 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
20 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
21 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
22 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
23 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
24 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
25 authorized by the commissioner.

26 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
27 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
28 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
29 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
30 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the AIDS Survival
31 Project, Inc. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner
32 as provided for general issue license plates.

33 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
34 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
35 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
36 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting programs

1 committed to providing people living with HIV the information and support they need
2 to live healthy and productive lives, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n)
3 of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the
4 Department of Human Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the
5 general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately
6 making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the
7 use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner.
8 Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If
9 an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this
10 Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner,
11 then the commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
12 Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

13 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
14 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
15 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
16 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
17 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of the AIDS Survival Project, Inc.,
18 if the General Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized
19 by this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the
20 ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

21 (f) An applicant may request an AIDS Survival Project, Inc., license plate any time during
22 the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid
23 license plate, the AIDS Survival Project, Inc., license plate shall be issued with appropriate
24 decals attached.

25 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
26 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
27 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
28 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
29 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
30 applicants.

31 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
32 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
33 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
34 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
35 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
36 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
37 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department

1 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
2 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
3 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
4 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
5 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

6 (i) AIDS Survival Project, Inc., license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to
7 another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

8 (j) AIDS Survival Project, Inc., license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application
9 once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

10 40-2-86.11.

11 (a) In order to promote youth organizations that promote character development and
12 leadership training and activities directly in support thereof, there shall be issued beginning
13 January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting the Boy Scouts of America, subject to the
14 conditions set forth in this Code section.

15 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
16 the Boy Scouts of America. The license plates shall be of the same size as general issue
17 motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number,
18 whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall
19 receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
20 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
21 three inches.

22 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
23 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
24 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
25 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
26 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
27 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
28 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
29 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
30 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
31 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
32 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
33 authorized by the commissioner.

34 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
35 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
36 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor

1 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
2 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the Boy Scouts of
3 America. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner
4 as provided for general issue license plates.

5 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
6 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
7 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
8 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting youth
9 organizations that promote character development and leadership training, pursuant to
10 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall
11 be appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Community Affairs or such other
12 public agency as may be specified in the general or amended general appropriations Act.
13 The agency or organization ultimately making use of such funds shall periodically
14 provide to the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other evidence of use of
15 the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title
16 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If an audit demonstrates that the funds are not
17 being used for the purposes set forth in this Code section or if the required audit or
18 evidence is not provided to the commissioner, then the commissioner shall so notify the
19 House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this
20 Code section shall not lapse.

21 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
22 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
23 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
24 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
25 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of the Boy Scouts of America, if the
26 General Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized by
27 this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the
28 ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

29 (f) An applicant may request a Boy Scouts of America license plate any time during the
30 applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license
31 plate, the Boy Scouts of America license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals
32 attached.

33 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
34 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
35 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
36 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department

1 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
2 applicants.

3 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
4 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
5 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
6 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
7 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
8 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
9 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
10 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
11 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
12 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
13 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
14 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

15 (i) Boy Scouts of America license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another
16 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

17 (j) Boy Scouts of America license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once
18 the requirements of this Code section have been met.

19 40-2-86.12.

20 (a) In order to promote the Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild Turkey
21 Federation, there shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates
22 promoting the Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation,
23 subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

24 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
25 the Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation. The license
26 plates shall be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle license plates and shall
27 include a unique design and identifying number, whereby the total number of characters
28 does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive identically numbered plates. The
29 graphic on the special license plate shall be placed to the left of the alphanumeric
30 characters and shall be no larger than three inches by three inches. Such design shall not
31 provide space in which to indicate the name of the county of issuance but shall instead bear
32 the legend 'Working for the Wild Turkey' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

33 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
34 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
35 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
36 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as

1 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
2 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
3 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
4 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
5 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
6 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
7 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
8 authorized by the commissioner.

9 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
10 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
11 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
12 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
13 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the Georgia
14 Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Revalidation decals
15 shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue
16 license plates.

17 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
18 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
19 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
20 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting
21 organizations that are dedicated to the conservation of the American wild turkey and the
22 preservation of the turkey hunting tradition, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph
23 VI(n) of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose
24 to the Department of Natural Resources or such other public agency as may be specified
25 in the general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization
26 ultimately making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an
27 audit of the use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the
28 commissioner. Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing
29 requirement. If an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes
30 set forth in this Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the
31 commissioner, then the commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate
32 Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall
33 not lapse.

34 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
35 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
36 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
37 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated

1 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of the Georgia Chapter, Inc., an
2 affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation, if the General Assembly finds that the
3 license plate program and appropriation authorized by this Code section will benefit both
4 the state and the nonprofit organization having the ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

5 (f) An applicant may request a Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild
6 Turkey Federation license plate any time during the applicant's registration period. If such
7 a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the Georgia Chapter, Inc., an
8 affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation license plate shall be issued with
9 appropriate decals attached.

10 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
11 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
12 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
13 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
14 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
15 applicants.

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

28 (i) The Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation license
29 plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle in accordance with the
30 provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

31 (j) The Georgia Chapter, Inc., an affiliate of the National Wild Turkey Federation license
32 plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once the requirements of this Code
33 section have been met.

34 40-2-86.13.

35 (a) In order to enhance the provision of care of the residents of the state's veterans nursing
36 homes and activities directly in support thereof, there shall be issued beginning January 1,

1 2005, special license plates promoting Georgia veterans to support the Georgia War
2 Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta, Georgia, and the Georgia State War Veterans Home
3 in Milledgeville, Georgia, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

4 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
5 Georgia veterans. The license plates must be of the same size as general issue motor
6 vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby
7 the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive
8 identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be placed to the
9 left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by three inches.

10 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
11 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
12 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
13 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
14 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
15 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
16 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
17 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
18 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
19 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
20 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
21 authorized by the commissioner.

22 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is a veteran of the armed
23 forces, national guard, or any reserve component of the United States or the spouse or
24 surviving spouse of such veteran and who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle
25 registered under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor
26 vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment
27 of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee
28 shall be issued a license plate promoting Georgia veterans. Revalidation decals shall be
29 issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license
30 plates.

31 (e) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
32 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
33 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
34 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting institutions
35 within the state that provide care and treatment for ailing veterans, pursuant to Article III,
36 Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be
37 appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Veterans Service or such other public

1 agency as may be specified in the general or amended general appropriations Act. The
2 agency or organization ultimately making use of such funds shall periodically provide to
3 the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds
4 satisfactory to the commissioner. Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall
5 meet this auditing requirement. If an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used
6 for the purposes set forth in this Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not
7 provided to the commissioner, then the commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate
8 Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not
9 lapse.

10 (f) An applicant may request a license plate promoting Georgia veterans any time during
11 the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid
12 license plate, the license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached.

13 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
14 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
15 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
16 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
17 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
18 applicants.

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

31 (i) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred from one vehicle
32 to another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

33 (j) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be issued within 30 days of
34 application once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

1 40-2-86.14.

2 (a) In order to promote organ and tissue donation organizations and to encourage people
3 to choose to become organ and tissue donors, there shall be issued beginning January 1,
4 2005, special license plates promoting organ and tissue donation organizations, subject to
5 the conditions set forth in this Code section.

6 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
7 organ and tissue donation organizations. The license plates shall be of the same size as
8 general issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying
9 number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients
10 shall receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
11 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
12 three inches.

13 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
14 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
15 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
16 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
17 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
18 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
19 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
20 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
21 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
22 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
23 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
24 authorized by the commissioner.

25 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
26 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
27 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
28 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
29 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the organ and tissue
30 donation organizations. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the
31 same manner as provided for general issue license plates.

32 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
33 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
34 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
35 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting
36 organizations that promote organ and tissue donation and that encourage people to choose
37 to become organ and tissue donors, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n)

1 of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the
2 Department of Human Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the
3 general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately
4 making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the
5 use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner.
6 Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If
7 an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this
8 Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner,
9 then the commissioner shall so notify the appropriations committees of the Senate and
10 House of Representatives. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not
11 lapse.

12 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
13 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
14 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
15 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
16 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of organ and tissue donation
17 organizations, if the General Assembly finds that the license plate program and
18 appropriation authorized by this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit
19 organization having the ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

20 (f) An applicant may request an organ and tissue donation organization license plate any
21 time during the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current
22 valid license plate, the organ and tissue donation organization license plate shall be issued
23 with appropriate decals attached.

24 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
25 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
26 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
27 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
28 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
29 applicants.

30 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
31 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
32 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
33 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
34 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
35 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
36 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
37 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in

1 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
2 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
3 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
4 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

5 (i) Organ and tissue donation organization license plates shall be transferred from one
6 vehicle to another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

7 (j) Organ and tissue donation organization license plates shall be issued within 30 days of
8 application once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

9 40-2-86.15.

10 (a) In order to promote sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic
11 type sports for persons with mental retardation and activities directly in support thereof,
12 there shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting Special
13 Olympics Georgia, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

14 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
15 Special Olympics Georgia. The license plates shall be of the same size as general issue
16 motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number,
17 whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall
18 receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
19 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
20 three inches.

21 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
22 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
23 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
24 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
25 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
26 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
27 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
28 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
29 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
30 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
31 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
32 authorized by the commissioner.

33 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
34 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
35 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
36 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular

1 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting Special Olympics
2 Georgia. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as
3 provided for general issue license plates.

4 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
5 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
6 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
7 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting programs
8 that promote sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports
9 for persons with mental retardation, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n)
10 of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the
11 Department of Human Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the
12 general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately
13 making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the
14 use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner.
15 Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If
16 an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this
17 Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner,
18 then the commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
19 Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

20 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
21 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
22 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
23 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
24 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of Special Olympics Georgia, if the
25 General Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized by
26 this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the
27 ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

28 (f) An applicant may request a Special Olympics Georgia license plate any time during the
29 applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license
30 plate, the Special Olympics Georgia license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals
31 attached.

32 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
33 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
34 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
35 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
36 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
37 applicants.

1 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
2 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
3 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
4 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
5 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
6 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
7 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
8 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
9 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
10 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
11 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
12 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

13 (i) Special Olympics Georgia license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to
14 another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

15 (j) Special Olympics Georgia license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application
16 once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

17 40-2-86.16.

18 (a) In order to promote programs dedicated to providing comprehensive services to address
19 the key needs of the region's older population and activities directly in support thereof,
20 there shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting the
21 Thanks Mom and Dad Fund, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

22 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
23 the Thanks Mom and Dad Fund. The license plates shall be of the same size as general
24 issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying
25 number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients
26 shall receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
27 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
28 three inches.

29 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
30 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
31 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
32 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
33 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
34 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
35 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
36 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such

1 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
2 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
3 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
4 authorized by the commissioner.

5 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
6 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
7 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
8 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
9 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the Thanks Mom
10 and Dad Fund. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same
11 manner as provided for general issue license plates.

12 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
13 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
14 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
15 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting programs
16 dedicated to providing comprehensive services to address the key needs of the region's
17 older population, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution.
18 Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Human
19 Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the general or amended
20 general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately making use of such
21 funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or
22 other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. Any audit performed
23 under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If an audit demonstrates
24 that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this Code section or if the
25 required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner, then the commissioner
26 shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated
27 pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

28 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
29 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
30 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
31 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
32 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of the Thanks Mom and Dad Fund,
33 if the General Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized
34 by this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the
35 ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

36 (f) An applicant may request a Thanks Mom and Dad Fund license plate any time during
37 the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid

1 license plate, the Thanks Mom and Dad Fund license plate shall be issued with appropriate
2 decals attached.

3 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
4 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
5 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
6 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
7 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
8 applicants.

9 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
10 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
11 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
12 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
13 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
14 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
15 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
16 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
17 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
18 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
19 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
20 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

21 (i) Thanks Mom and Dad Fund license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to
22 another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

23 (j) Thanks Mom and Dad Fund license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application
24 once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

25 40-2-86.17.

26 (a) There shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting the
27 501(c)(3) foundations of the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in
28 Georgia, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

29 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
30 the 501(c)(3) foundations of the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in
31 Georgia. The license plates shall be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle license
32 plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby the total number
33 of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive identically numbered
34 plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be placed to the left of the
35 alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by three inches.

1 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
2 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
3 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
4 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
5 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
6 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
7 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
8 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
9 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
10 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
11 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
12 authorized by the commissioner.

13 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
14 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
15 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
16 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
17 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the 501(c)(3)
18 foundations of the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in Georgia.
19 Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided
20 for general issue license plates.

21 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
22 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
23 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
24 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting charities
25 that are supported by the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in Georgia,
26 pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution. Such dedicated
27 funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Community Affairs or
28 such other public agency as may be specified in the general or amended general
29 appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately making use of such funds shall
30 periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other
31 evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. Any audit performed under
32 Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If an audit demonstrates that
33 the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this Code section or if the
34 required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner, then the commissioner
35 shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated
36 pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

1 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
2 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
3 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
4 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
5 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of the 501(c)(3) foundations of the
6 Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in Georgia, if the General Assembly
7 finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized by this Code section
8 will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the ultimate use of the
9 dedicated funds.

10 (f) An applicant may request a license plate promoting the 501(c)(3) foundations of the
11 Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and Thrashers sports teams in Georgia at any time during the
12 applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license
13 plate, the license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached.

14 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
15 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
16 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
17 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
18 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
19 applicants.

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

32 (i) License plates promoting the 501(c)(3) foundations of the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and
33 Thrashers sports teams in Georgia shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle
34 in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

35 (j) License plates promoting the 501(c)(3) foundations of the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, and
36 Thrashers sports teams in Georgia shall be issued within 30 days of application once the
37 requirements of this Code section have been met.

1 40-2-86.18.

2 (a) In order to promote and provide for motorist and bicyclist safety and interaction
3 education and awareness programs and media campaigns; adult and child bicycling safety
4 training, workshops, and educational materials; assistance in forming local bicycle advisory
5 committees; law enforcement education and implementation programs for policing by
6 bicycle and policing to improve bicycling conditions; and 'share the road/yield to
7 bicycles/bicyclists may use full lane' sign installations, there shall be issued beginning
8 January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting such efforts, which shall be known as the
9 'Share the Road' Motorists and Bicyclists special license plate, subject to the conditions set
10 forth in this Code section.

11 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
12 the message of motorists and bicyclists safely and courteously sharing the roadway. The
13 license plates shall be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle license plates and
14 shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby the total number of
15 characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive identically numbered
16 plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be placed to the left of the
17 alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by three inches. Such
18 design shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend
19 'Share the Road' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

20 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
21 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
22 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
23 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
24 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
25 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
26 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
27 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
28 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
29 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
30 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
31 authorized by the commissioner.

32 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
33 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
34 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
35 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
36 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the message of
37 motorists and bicyclists safely and courteously sharing the roadway. Revalidation decals

1 shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue
2 license plates.

3 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
4 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
5 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
6 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting programs
7 that promote motorist and bicyclist safety and interaction education and awareness
8 programs and media campaigns; adult and child bicycling safety training, workshops, and
9 educational materials; assistance in forming local bicycle advisory committees; law
10 enforcement education and implementation programs for policing by bicycle and policing
11 to improve bicycling conditions; and 'share the road/yield to bicycles/bicyclists may use
12 full lane' sign installations, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
13 Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the
14 Department of Human Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the
15 general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately
16 making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the
17 use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner.
18 Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If
19 an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this
20 Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner,
21 then the commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
22 Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

23 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
24 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
25 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
26 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
27 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of Georgia Bikes, Inc., if the
28 General Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized by
29 this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the
30 ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

31 (f) An applicant may request a 'Share the Road' Motorists and Bicyclists special license
32 plate at any time during the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to
33 replace a current valid license plate, the 'Share the Road' Motorists and Bicyclists license
34 plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached.

35 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
36 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
37 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing

1 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
2 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
3 applicants.

4 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
5 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
6 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
7 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
8 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
9 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
10 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
11 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
12 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
13 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
14 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
15 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

16 (i) 'Share the Road' Motorists and Bicyclists license plates shall be transferred from one
17 vehicle to another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

18 (j) 'Share the Road' Motorists and Bicyclists license plates shall be issued within 30 days
19 of application once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

20 40-2-86.19.

21 (a) There shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting the
22 Masons, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

23 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
24 the Masons. The license plates shall be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle
25 license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby the total
26 number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive identically
27 numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be the Masonic square and
28 compass and shall be placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and the design on
29 the license plate and the founding date of the Grand Lodge, December 16, 1786, shall be
30 placed immediately underneath the design in small lettering no larger than three inches by
31 three inches. The license plate shall contain the words 'Georgia Free and Accepted Mason'
32 in blue lettering in the space where the name of the county of issuance would otherwise be
33 placed.

34 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
35 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
36 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required

1 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
2 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
3 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
4 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
5 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
6 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
7 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
8 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
9 authorized by the commissioner.

10 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
11 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
12 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
13 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
14 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting the Masons.
15 Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided
16 for general issue license plates.

17 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
18 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
19 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
20 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting charities
21 that are supported by the Masons, pursuant to Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of
22 the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such purpose to the
23 Department of Human Resources or such other public agency as may be specified in the
24 general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or organization ultimately
25 making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the
26 use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner.
27 Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If
28 an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in this
29 Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not provided to the commissioner,
30 then the commissioner shall so notify the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
31 Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section shall not lapse.

32 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
33 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
34 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
35 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
36 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of charities that are supported by
37 the Masons, if the General Assembly finds that the license plate program and

1 appropriation authorized by this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit
2 organization having the ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

3 (f) An applicant may request a Masons license plate any time during the applicant's
4 registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the
5 Masons license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached.

6 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
7 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
8 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
9 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
10 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
11 applicants.

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

24 (i) Masons license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle in
25 accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

26 (j) Masons license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once the
27 requirements of this Code section have been met.

28 40-2-86.20.

29 (a) In order to promote youth organizations that promote character development and
30 leadership training and activities directly in support thereof, there shall be issued beginning
31 January 1, 2005, special license plates promoting Girl Scouts U.S.A., subject to the
32 conditions set forth in this Code section.

33 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to promote
34 Girl Scouts U.S.A. The license plates shall be of the same size as general issue motor
35 vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby
36 the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall receive

1 identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be placed to the
2 left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by three inches.

3 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
4 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
5 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
6 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
7 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
8 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
9 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
10 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
11 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
12 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
13 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
14 authorized by the commissioner.

15 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
16 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
17 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
18 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
19 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate promoting Girl Scouts U.S.A.
20 Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the same manner as provided
21 for general issue license plates.

22 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
23 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
24 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
25 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting youth
26 organizations that promote character development and leadership training, pursuant to
27 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall
28 be appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Community Affairs or such other
29 public agency as may be specified in the general or amended general appropriations Act.
30 The agency or organization ultimately making use of such funds shall periodically
31 provide to the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other evidence of use of
32 the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title
33 50 shall meet this auditing requirement. If an audit demonstrates that the funds are not
34 being used for the purposes set forth in this Code section or if the required audit or
35 evidence is not provided to the commissioner, then the commissioner shall so notify the
36 House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this
37 Code section shall not lapse.

1 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
2 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
3 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
4 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
5 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of Girl Scouts U.S.A., if the General
6 Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized by this Code
7 section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the ultimate use
8 of the dedicated funds.

9 (f) An applicant may request a Girl Scouts U.S.A. license plate any time during the
10 applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license
11 plate, the Girl Scouts U.S.A. license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached.

12 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
13 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
14 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
15 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
16 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
17 applicants.

18 (h) 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, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
29 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

30 (i) Girl Scouts U.S.A. license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another
31 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

32 (j) Girl Scouts U.S.A. license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once the
33 requirements of this Code section have been met.

34 40-2-86.21.

35 (a) There shall be issued beginning January 1, 2005, special license plates to
36 commemorate the Georgia Association of Realtors for their longstanding support of

1 housing opportunities for all citizens of this state, private property rights, and all
2 organizations that assist people in achieving the American dream of home ownership, and
3 to support organizations that are committed to building affordable houses in partnership
4 with those who lack adequate shelter, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code
5 section.

6 (b) The commissioner shall design special distinctive license plates appropriate to
7 commemorate the Georgia Association of Realtors. The license plates shall be of the same
8 size as general issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and
9 identifying number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two
10 recipients shall receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license
11 plate shall be placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than
12 three inches by three inches.

13 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, this Code section
14 shall not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
15 agreement or otherwise, received any licenses or other permissions that may be required
16 to implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the license plates, as
17 well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or parts of the
18 designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of
19 Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The
20 commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such
21 right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of
22 the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter of
23 law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design or designs, except as
24 authorized by the commissioner.

25 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
26 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
27 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
28 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
29 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate commemorating the Georgia
30 Association of Realtors. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license plates in the
31 same manner as provided for general issue license plates.

32 (e)(1) From the additional \$25.00 fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the license
33 plates authorized under this Code section, \$2.00 shall be used by the department for
34 manufacturing and purchase costs, \$13.00 shall be paid to the general fund of the state
35 treasury, and \$10.00 shall be exclusively dedicated for the purpose of assisting
36 organizations that are committed to building simple, decent, affordable houses in
37 partnership with those who lack adequate shelter, pursuant to Article III, Section IX,

1 Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution. Such dedicated funds shall be appropriated for such
2 purpose to the Department of Human Resources or such other public agency as may be
3 specified in the general or amended general appropriations Act. The agency or
4 organization ultimately making use of such funds shall periodically provide to the
5 commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other evidence of use of the funds
6 satisfactory to the commissioner. Any audit performed under Chapter 6 of Title 50 shall
7 meet this auditing requirement. If an audit demonstrates that the funds are not being used
8 for the purposes set forth in this Code section or if the required audit or evidence is not
9 provided to the commissioner, then the commissioner shall so notify the House and
10 Senate Appropriations Committees. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this Code section
11 shall not lapse.

12 (2) Subject to the general appropriations process, it is the intent of the General Assembly
13 in the enactment of this Code section that the funds dedicated by this subsection be made
14 available for the ultimate use of a nonprofit organization. Subject to the general
15 appropriations process and the audit requirements of this Code section, it is contemplated
16 that such dedicated funds will be for the ultimate use of Habitat for Humanity, Inc., if the
17 General Assembly finds that the license plate program and appropriation authorized by
18 this Code section will benefit both the state and the nonprofit organization having the
19 ultimate use of the dedicated funds.

20 (f) An applicant may request a Georgia Association of Realtors license plate any time
21 during the applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current
22 valid license plate, the Georgia Association of Realtors license plate shall be issued with
23 appropriate decals attached.

24 (g) No special license plate authorized pursuant to this Code section shall be issued except
25 upon the application of at least 1,000 applications. The special license plate shall have an
26 application period of two years after January 1, 2005, for payment of the manufacturing
27 fee. After such time if the minimum number of applications is not met, the department
28 shall not continue to accept the manufacturing fee, and all fees shall be refunded to
29 applicants.

30 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
31 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
32 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
33 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
34 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee, which fee
35 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
36 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
37 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in

1 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
 2 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of
 3 Code Section 40-2-31, manufacture of the license plates shall not be continued until the
 4 commissioner receives 1,000 applications.

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

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

9 SECTION 2.

10 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to authentic historical
 11 Georgia license plates, by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place
 12 the following:

13 "40-2-41.1.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'authentic historical Georgia license plate' means
 15 a license plate originally issued in the year ~~1957~~ 1970 or earlier and originally required to
 16 be displayed on motor vehicles operated upon the streets and highways of this state in the
 17 year ~~1957~~ 1970 or earlier pursuant to former motor vehicle registration laws of this state.

18 (b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in ~~1957~~ 1970 or earlier shall be
 19 authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise
 20 required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which
 21 clearly represents the model year of any such antique motor vehicle, provided that the
 22 owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current year as otherwise
 23 required under this chapter and has obtained a current Georgia license plate or revalidation
 24 decal for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid Georgia license plate shall be
 25 kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be displayed in a manner to be
 26 visible from outside the vehicle.

27 (c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate shall
 28 be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

29 (d) No later than January 1, ~~2001~~ 2005, the commissioner shall have installed within the
 30 department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor vehicles
 31 the necessary program which will include in the information relating to the current Georgia
 32 license plate or revalidation decal issued for an antique motor vehicle the information
 33 relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be display on such
 34 antique motor vehicle."

1 cars, motorcycles, and trucks and boat trailers before issuing these license plates in lieu of
 2 the regular Georgia license plates. The manufacturing fee for each additional special and
 3 distinctive license plate shall be \$25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized to
 4 promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where
 5 such vehicles have been transferred or sold. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this
 6 Code section, such plates shall be nontransferable.

7 (c) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of
 8 this chapter for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal
 9 transportation or for boat trailers. Additional words or symbols, in addition to the numbers
 10 and letters prescribed by law, shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify
 11 distinctively the owner as a Purple Heart recipient.

12 (d) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between
 13 vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. The spouse of a deceased veteran of the
 14 armed forces of the United States who was awarded the Purple Heart citation shall continue
 15 to be eligible to be issued a distinctive personalized license plate as provided in this Code
 16 section for any vehicle owned by such veteran ownership of which is transferred to the
 17 surviving spouse or for any other vehicle owned by such surviving spouse either at the time
 18 of the qualifying veteran's death or acquired thereafter, so long as such person does not
 19 remarry.

20 (e) For each additional special license plate issued under this Code section there shall be
 21 an additional \$25.00 annual registration fee which fee shall be collected by the county tag
 22 agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state
 23 as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

24 (f) In lieu of the special license plate provided for in this Code section, a veteran may
 25 receive a standard Georgia license plate under the same terms and conditions."

26 SECTION 5.

27 Said chapter is further amended by adding new Code Sections 40-2-86.22 through
 28 40-2-86.24 to read as follows:

29 "40-2-86.22.

30 (a) There shall be issued beginning in 2005 special and distinctive vehicle license plates
 31 commemorating the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for its contributions to
 32 Georgians through programs dedicated to our youth such as 'Hoop Shoot,' 'Soccer Shoot,'
 33 'Drug Awareness and Prevention,' and youth scholarship contests; our veterans in local VA
 34 hospitals; the Elks major state project, 'Elks Aidmore Children's Center,' a home for
 35 disadvantaged youth of Georgia; and the many contributions made by local Elks lodges
 36 across the state, subject to the conditions set forth in this Code section.

1 (b) The commissioner, in cooperation with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,
2 shall design special distinctive license plates to commemorate the Benevolent and
3 Protective Order of Elks. The license plates must be of the same size as general issue
4 motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying number,
5 whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two recipients shall
6 receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license plate shall be
7 placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than three inches by
8 three inches. Such design shall not provide space in which to indicate the name of the
9 county of issuance.

10 (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Code section, this Code section shall
11 not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing
12 agreement or otherwise and at no cost to the state, received such licenses or other
13 permissions as may be required for the use of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
14 logo or as may otherwise be necessary or appropriate to implement this Code section. No
15 royalty, license fee, or other moneys shall be paid to any organization or its licensor for the
16 use by the state of such logo or design on license plates authorized by this Code section.
17 The commissioner may charge fees, take other actions, and agree to or impose terms and
18 conditions which might normally be envisioned in licensing and cross-licensing agreements
19 for the use of designs and similar intellectual property. Without limitation, the
20 commissioner may agree to allow to others the exclusive or nonexclusive use of the design
21 of the special license plate. The design of the special license plate, excepting only the
22 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks logo and any other part of the design owned by
23 others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of Georgia for its
24 exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner
25 may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice of and protect such right, including
26 the copyright. However, such steps shall be cumulative of the ownership and exclusive use
27 and control established by this subsection as a matter of law and no person shall reproduce
28 or otherwise use such design, except as authorized by the commissioner.

29 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
30 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
31 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
32 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
33 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate commemorating the
34 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such
35 license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.

36 (e) An applicant may request a license plate commemorating the Benevolent and
37 Protective Order of Elks at any time during the applicant's registration period. If such a

1 license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, such license plate shall be issued
2 with appropriate decals attached.

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

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

21 (h) Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks license plates shall be transferred from one
22 vehicle to another vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

23 (i) Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks license plates shall be issued within 30 days
24 of application once the requirements of this Code section have been met.

25 40-2-86.23.

26 (a) There shall be issued beginning in 2005 special and distinctive vehicle license plates
27 prominently displaying an image of the flag of the United States, subject to the conditions
28 set forth in this Code section.

29 (b) The commissioner shall design special and distinctive license plates prominently
30 displaying an image of the flag of the United States. The license plates must be of the same
31 size as general issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and
32 identifying number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. No two
33 recipients shall receive identically numbered plates. The graphic on the special license
34 plate shall be placed to the left of the alphanumeric characters and shall be no larger than
35 three inches by three inches. Such design shall not provide space in which to indicate the

1 name of the county of issuance but shall instead display the phrase 'Proud To Be An
2 American.'

3 (c) The commissioner shall provide for the design of the special license plates, which
4 design, excepting only the image of the United States flag and the slogan, shall be owned
5 solely by the State of Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the
6 commissioner. The commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice
7 of and protect such right, including the copyright. However, such steps shall be cumulative
8 of the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this subsection as a matter
9 of law and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design, except as authorized
10 by the commissioner.

11 (d) Beginning in calendar year 2005, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor
12 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon
13 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
14 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular
15 motor vehicle registration fee shall be issued a license plate prominently displaying an
16 image of the flag of the United States. Revalidation decals shall be issued for such license
17 plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license plates.

18 (e) An applicant may request a license plate prominently displaying an image of the flag
19 of the United States at any time during the applicant's registration period. If such a license
20 plate is to replace a current valid license plate, such license plate shall be issued with
21 appropriate decals attached.

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

28 (g) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
29 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
30 the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current
31 registrant may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual
32 registration period upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual special tag fee which fee
33 shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
34 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department
35 may continue to issue such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in
36 achieving the minimum number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500
37 active registrations at any time during the five-year period as provided in subsection (b) of

1 Code Section 40-2-31, the department must receive 1,000 applications accompanied by the
2 manufacturing fee to continue to manufacture the license plate.

3 (h) United States flag license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another
4 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

5 (i) United States flag license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once the
6 requirements of this Code section have been met.

7 40-2-86.24.

8 (a) Motor vehicle or boat trailer owners who are veterans of the armed forces of the United
9 States who have been awarded the Bronze Star (Valor), Silver Star, and Distinguished
10 Service Cross citation shall be eligible to receive at no cost a special and distinctive vehicle
11 license plate or a standard Georgia license plate for a private passenger car or truck used
12 for personal transportation or for a boat trailer. Such license plates shall be issued in
13 compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor
14 vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

15 (b) A veteran who qualifies for the special and distinctive license plate pursuant to
16 subsection (a) of this Code section shall make application therefor with the commissioner
17 and include the requisite fee. Said applicant may apply for and be limited to not more than
18 one free license plate at a time; provided, however, that upon payment of the regular
19 license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and payment of the manufacturing fee
20 provided for in this Code section, a veteran may obtain an additional distinctive vehicle
21 license plate. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be
22 necessary to enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation
23 of private passenger cars and trucks and boat trailers before issuing these license plates in
24 lieu of the regular Georgia license plates. The manufacturing fee for each additional special
25 and distinctive license plate shall be \$25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized
26 to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where
27 such vehicles have been transferred or sold. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this
28 Code section, such plates shall be nontransferable.

29 (c) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of
30 this chapter for private passenger cars or trucks used for personal transportation or for boat
31 trailers. Additional words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by
32 law, shall be inscribed upon such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as
33 a Bronze Star (Valor), Silver Star, or Distinguished Service Cross recipient, as appropriate.

34 (d) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between
35 vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. The spouse of a deceased veteran of the
36 armed forces of the United States who was awarded a Bronze Star (Valor), Silver Star, or

1 Distinguished Service Cross citation shall continue to be eligible to be issued a distinctive
2 personalized license plate as provided in this Code section for any vehicle owned by such
3 veteran ownership of which is transferred to the surviving spouse or for any other vehicle
4 owned by such surviving spouse either at the time of the qualifying veteran's death or
5 acquired thereafter, so long as such person does not remarry.

6 (e) For each additional special license plate issued under this Code section there shall be
7 an additional \$25.00 annual registration fee which fee shall be collected by the county tag
8 agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state
9 as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

10 **SECTION 6.**

11 Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2005; provided, however,
12 that Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall only become effective on January 1, 2005, upon the
13 ratification of the resolution at the November, 2004, state-wide general election, which
14 resolution amends the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the dedication
15 of revenue from the sales of license plates to general purpose funds relating to the nature of
16 the special license plates. If such resolution is not ratified, Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall
17 not become effective and shall stand repealed in their entirety on January 1, 2005, and no
18 such motor vehicle license plates shall be issued pursuant to Sections 1 and 3 of this Act.

19 **SECTION 7.**

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