

House Bill 439

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to free
2 license plates and revalidation decals for certain disabled veterans, so as to provide for
3 certain duties for the Department of Veterans Service; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 40-2-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to free license
8 plates and revalidation decals for certain disabled veterans, is amended by striking in their
9 entirety subsections (b) and (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(b) Any veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions and who has been
11 adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being 100 percent
12 totally disabled and entitled to receive service connected benefits shall, upon application
13 therefor, be issued a free motor vehicle license plate upon presentation of proof that he or
14 she is receiving or that he or she is entitled to receive benefits for a 100 percent service
15 connected disability, as long as he or she is 100 percent disabled. A veteran who claims
16 that such 100 percent total disability is permanent shall furnish proof of such permanent
17 disability through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or from
18 the Department of Veterans Service.

19 (c)(1) Once a veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle
20 license plates as a result of being permanently disabled, he or she shall be entitled to
21 receive free plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years on any automobile,
22 private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of
23 three-quarter tons or less that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse own or
24 acquire in the future.

25 (2) Once a veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle
26 license plates as a result of having a 100 percent total disability which has not been

1 determined to be a permanent disability, he or she shall be entitled to receive free plates
2 or free revalidation decals in succeeding years upon furnishing, on an annual basis, proof
3 of such 100 percent disability through a letter from the United States Department of
4 Veterans Affairs or from the Department of Veterans Service. Such free plates or free
5 revalidation decals shall apply to any automobile, private passenger pickup truck,
6 motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of three-quarter tons or less that he or she
7 may own or jointly with his or her spouse own or acquire in the future.

8 (3)(A) Two license plates or revalidation decals each year shall be furnished for
9 vehicles other than motorcycles to veterans qualifying under this Code section unless
10 the originals are lost. Such plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the
11 vehicle.

12 (B) One license plate or revalidation decal each year shall be furnished for motorcycles
13 to veterans qualifying under this Code section unless the original is lost. Such plate
14 shall be fastened to the rear of the vehicle."

15 SECTION 2.

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