

House Bill 478

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61st, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Barnes of the 78th, Fludd of the 66th, Parham of the 141st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration and licensing of vehicles of state and political subdivisions, so as to remove the
3 requirement that license plates for vehicles owned by the state or a political subdivision that
4 is used exclusively for governmental functions must be replaced when license plates for
5 private vehicles are replaced; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 40-2-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and
10 licensing of vehicles of state and political subdivisions, is amended by striking subsection
11 (a) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

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

1 upon payment by such applicant of a license fee of \$1.00, a license plate which shall be
2 displayed upon such vehicle in the same manner as provided for private vehicles. ~~Such~~
3 ~~license plates shall be replaced at such time as other license plates issued for private~~
4 ~~vehicles are required to be replaced."~~

5 **SECTION 2.**

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