

Senate Bill 454

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th and Kemp of the 46th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-8-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 marking and equipment of law enforcement vehicles, so as to require patrol vehicle markings
3 for Georgia State Patrol vehicles and exclude other vehicles used by the Department of
4 Public Safety from the marking requirements; to increase the number of solid color marked
5 vehicles allowed per post; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 40-8-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to marking and
10 equipment of law enforcement vehicles, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting
11 in its place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) Any motor vehicle, except as hereinafter provided in this subsection, used by any
13 employee of the ~~Department of Public Safety~~ Georgia State Patrol for the purpose of
14 enforcing the traffic laws of this state shall be distinctly painted, marked, and equipped in
15 such manner as shall be prescribed by the commissioner of public safety pursuant to this
16 Code section. The commissioner in prescribing the manner in which such vehicles shall
17 be painted, marked, or equipped shall:

18 (1) Require that all such motor vehicles be painted in a two-toned uniform color. The
19 hood, top, and the top area not to exceed 12 inches below the bottom of the window
20 opening thereof shall be a light gray color and the remaining portion of said motor
21 vehicle shall be painted a dark blue color;

22 (2) Require that any such motor vehicle be equipped with at least one lamp which when
23 lighted shall display a flashing or revolving colored light visible under normal
24 atmospheric conditions for a distance of 500 feet from the front and rear of such vehicle;
25 and

1 (3) Require that any such motor vehicle shall be distinctly marked on each side and the
2 back thereof with the wording 'State Patrol' in letters not less than six inches in height of
3 a contrasting color from the background color of the motor vehicle.
4 Notwithstanding the above provisions, it shall be permissible for the commissioner to allow
5 not more than ~~two~~ five motor vehicles per State Patrol post to be employed in traffic law
6 enforcement which are painted any solid color designated by the commissioner and marked
7 with 'State Patrol' in six inch high letters of a contrasting color."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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