

Senate Bill 481

By: Senators Stephens of the 27th, Douglas of the 17th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Schaefer of the 50th, Staton of the 18th and others

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to administration and enforcement of the chapter concerning the registration and  
3 licensing of motor vehicles, so as to permit military personnel whose vehicles are registered  
4 in Georgia and have Georgia license plates who are stationed in other states as part of their  
5 military assignments and duties to meet their obligations concerning minimum motor vehicle  
6 liability insurance through the purchase of certain insurance in such other states; to provide  
7 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
11 administration and enforcement of the chapter concerning the registration and licensing of  
12 motor vehicles, is amended by inserting a new subsection (h) in Code Section 40-2-137,  
13 relating to notification of coverage termination, to read as follows:

14 "(h) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person on active military duty  
15 in the armed forces of the United States whose motor vehicle is registered in this state and  
16 has license plates from this state and who, as a result of his or her military duties or  
17 assignment, is required to reside in another state may meet the requirements for minimum  
18 motor vehicle liability coverage by purchasing such coverage in amounts equal to or  
19 greater than the minimum coverages required by Georgia law and providing proof of such  
20 coverage to the department. In such cases, the motor vehicle shall continue to be registered  
21 and licensed in this state as long as it otherwise meets the requirements of law."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.