

House Bill 79

By: Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Hill of the 21st, Rice of the 51st, Day of the 163rd, Talton of the 145th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-8-73.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 prohibition against affixing materials which reduce light transmission through windows or
3 windshields of motor vehicles, so as to provide exemptions for certain vehicles; to provide
4 that certain violations shall be charged as secondary offenses only; to provide punishments
5 for certain violations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-8-73.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 prohibition against affixing materials which reduce light transmission through windows or
10 windshields of motor vehicles, is amended in subsection (c) by striking "or" at the end of
11 paragraph (6), striking the period at the end of paragraph (7) and inserting a semicolon in lieu
12 thereof, and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

13 "(8) Any vehicle that displays a valid special license plate issued to a government official
14 under Code Section 40-2-61, 40-2-62, 40-2-63, or 40-2-64;

15 (9) Any vehicle owned or operated by the state or a political subdivision thereof and that
16 displays a valid license plate issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-37; or

17 (10) Any vehicle operated in the course of business by a person licensed or registered
18 under Chapter 38 of Title 43, relating to private detective and private security businesses."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Code section is further amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

21 (g) Any person who violates subsection (b) ~~or (e)~~ of this Code section shall be guilty of
22 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, may be fined not more than \$15.00; but, the
23 provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 17 and any other provision of law to the contrary
24 notwithstanding, the costs of such prosecution shall not be taxed nor shall any additional

1 penalty, fee, or surcharge to a fine for such offense be assessed against a person for
2 conviction thereof.
3 (h) Any person who violates subsection (e) of this Code section shall be guilty of a
4 misdemeanor."

5 **SECTION 3.**
6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.