

House Bill 1165

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for reciprocity agreements  
3 between states desiring to issue special license plates recognizing institutions of higher  
4 education or affiliated athletic programs or logos located outside the borders of the issuing  
5 state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and  
10 licensing of motor vehicles, is revised by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "40-2-60.2.

12 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of Article 3 of this chapter, the commissioner is  
13 authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements or plans on behalf of the State of Georgia  
14 with the appropriate authorities of any of the states of the United States, or the District of  
15 Columbia, in order to provide for reciprocity agreements between states desiring to issue  
16 special license plates recognizing institutions of higher education or affiliated athletic  
17 programs or logos located outside the borders of this state. Any such reciprocal agreement  
18 or plan shall provide that if this state agrees to issue a special license plate recognizing an  
19 institution of higher education or its affiliated athletic program or logo located outside the  
20 borders of this state, the state in which the institution of higher education or its affiliated  
21 athletic program is located shall agree to issue a special license plate, under the same terms  
22 and conditions as the special license plate was issued in this state, recognizing an  
23 institution of higher education or its affiliated athletic program or logo located in this state  
24 to be designated by the department.

25 (b) Until a reciprocal agreement, as described in subsection (a) of this Code section, has  
26 been executed with the appropriate agency of the other state, the department shall not issue

1 or renew special license plates recognizing an institution of higher learning or its affiliated  
2 athletic program or logo located outside the borders of this state.

3 (c) In the event of conflict between the provisions of this Code section or any agreement  
4 entered into under the provisions of this Code section and any other law or provision on  
5 this subject, the provisions of this Code section or any agreement entered into under the  
6 provisions of this Code section shall prevail.

7 (d) The department is authorized and empowered to promulgate and to enforce such rules  
8 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section or any  
9 agreement entered into under the authority set forth in this Code section."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2009.

12 **SECTION 3.**

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