

House Bill 1226

By: Representative Walker of the 107th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for a
3 temporary registration for certain motor vehicles under certain circumstances; to provide for
4 the manner of issuance, length, and conditions of such temporary registration; to provide for
5 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "40-2-20.1.

13 (a) An owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be registered with the county tag agent
14 in a county in which the owner of the vehicle is required to submit a valid certificate of
15 emission inspection demonstrating that the vehicle passed an emission inspection shall be
16 eligible for a temporary registration and operation permit if the owner is unable to pass a
17 vehicle emission inspection before the expiration of the vehicle's current registration due
18 to the need for repairs on the vehicle or the need for a period of operation of the vehicle to
19 ready the vehicle for emission testing.

20 (b) Such temporary registration and operation permits shall be issued by the county tag
21 agent upon application by the owner of the motor vehicle and the payment of all taxes and
22 fees that would be due at the time of registration along with a fee of \$10.00 for the
23 temporary registration and operation permit, provided that the motor vehicle meets all other
24 requirements for registration except for the submission of a valid certificate of emission
25 inspection; and the attestation by the owner of the vehicle that such emission certificate
26 could not be obtained by the expiration of the current registration period due to the need

27 for repairs on the vehicle or the need for a period of operation of the vehicle to ready the
28 vehicle for emission testing.

29 (c) Such temporary registration and operation permit shall be issued by the county tag
30 agent and shall be valid for a period not to exceed 15 days from the date of issue and shall
31 extend the vehicle registration period for the vehicle for the duration of the period for
32 which the temporary registration and operation permit is issued.

33 (d) Only one temporary registration and operation permit shall be issued for a motor
34 vehicle in a calendar year.

35 (e) Upon the submission of a valid certificate of emission inspection report prior to the
36 expiration of the temporary registration and operation permit, the tag agent shall be
37 authorized to issue a new license plate or revalidation decal to the owner of the motor
38 vehicle."

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
41 without such approval.

42 **SECTION 3.**

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