

House Bill 1047 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Butler of the 18th, Roberts of the 154th, Sims of the 119th, and Anderson of the 117th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-184 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 impeding the flow of traffic, so as to provide for a minimum fine for impeding traffic flow;
3 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-6-184 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to impeding the
8 flow of traffic, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a)(1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the
10 normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for
11 safe operation.

12 (2) On roads, streets, or highways with two or more lanes allowing for movement in the
13 same direction, no person shall continue to operate a motor vehicle in the most left-hand
14 lane at less than the maximum lawful speed limit once such person knows or should
15 reasonably know that he or she is being overtaken in such lane from the rear by a motor
16 vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed, except when such motor vehicle is preparing
17 for a left turn. This subsection shall not apply to managed lanes.

18 (3) Any conviction for a violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable
19 by a minimum fine of \$75.00 in addition to any other punishment authorized by law."

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and be applicable to any offenses committed
22 on or after that date.

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.