

## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE TO SENATE BILL 519

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and  
2 traffic, so as to modify the definition of motorized cart; to provide for a minimum fine for  
3 impeding traffic flow; to change the hours of operation of certain motorized carts; to provide  
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
9 amended by revising paragraph (32) Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:  
10 "(32) 'Motorized cart' means every motor vehicle having no less than three wheels and  
11 an unladen weight of ~~1,300~~ 2,500 pounds or less and which cannot operate at more than  
12 20 miles per hour."

13 **SECTION 1.1.**

14 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) Code Section 40-6-184, relating to  
15 impeding the flow of traffic, as follows:

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

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

25 (3) Any conviction for a violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable

26 by a minimum fine of \$75.00 in addition to any other punishment authorized by law."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-6-330, relating to hours of  
29 operation of motorized carts, as follows:

30 "40-6-330.

31 Motorized carts weighing 1,300 pounds or less may be operated on streets only during  
32 daylight hours unless they comply with the equipment regulations promulgated by the  
33 commissioner of public safety. Motorized carts weighing between 1,300 pounds and 2,500  
34 pounds may be operated on streets only during the period of one-half hour before sunrise  
35 and one-half hour after sunset, unless the local government or the commissioner of public  
36 safety, as applicable, has determined that a motorized cart may be operated during the  
37 hours between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and the  
38 motorized cart is equipped with:

39 (1) Two headlights;

40 (2) Two tail lamps;

41 (3) Two brake lights;

42 (4) Four turn signal lamps, two in front and two in the rear;

43 (5) A center high mount stop lamp (CHMSL); and

44 (6) A windshield."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

47 **SECTION 4.**

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