

House Bill 79

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-41.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 display of authentic historical Georgia license plates, so as to increase the time period  
3 included in the definition of authentic historical Georgia license plates; to provide for related  
4 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal 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 40-2-41.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the display  
8 of authentic historical Georgia license plates, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b)  
9 as follows:

10 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'authentic historical Georgia license plate'  
11 means a license plate originally issued ~~in the year 1970 or earlier~~ 25 or more years ago and  
12 originally required to be displayed on motor vehicles operated upon the streets and  
13 highways of this state ~~in the year 1970 or earlier~~ 25 or more years ago pursuant to former  
14 motor vehicle registration laws of this state.

15 (b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured ~~in 1970 or earlier~~ 25 or more  
16 years ago shall be authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license  
17 plate otherwise required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia  
18 license plate which clearly represents the model year of any such antique motor vehicle,  
19 provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current  
20 year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current Georgia license  
21 plate or revalidation decal for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid Georgia  
22 license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be  
23 displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle."

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

25 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009.

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**SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.