

House Bill 639 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Butler of the 18th, Lane of the 167th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Keen of the 179th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to prestige and special license plates, so as to provide a special license plate
3 supporting the protection of wild dolphins in Georgia; to provide that a portion of the funds
4 generated by the sale of such special license plate be disbursed to EarthEcho International,
5 Inc., for scientific research to conserve the ocean environment and protect wild dolphins; to
6 provide for a special license plate supporting the Georgia Aquarium in its mission to promote
7 the conservation of aquatic biodiversity throughout the world; to repeal conflicting laws; and
8 for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 prestige and special license plates, is amended in Code Section 40-2-86.21, relating to special
13 license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain agencies, funds,
14 or nonprofit corporations, by adding new paragraphs to subsection (o) as follows:

15 "(40) A special license plate supporting the protection of wild dolphins in Georgia
16 waters. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to
17 EarthEcho International, Inc., for use in scientific research, conservation, and educational
18 programs that serve to restore and protect the ocean environment and freshwater systems
19 and to protect wild dolphins. Up to 25 percent of the funds may be utilized for continuing
20 promotion and marketing of the license plate.

21 (41) A special license plate for the Georgia Aquarium to support its mission as an
22 entertaining, educational, and scientific institution and to promote the conservation of
23 aquatic biodiversity throughout the world. The funds raised by the sale of this special
24 plate shall be disbursed to Georgia Aquarium, Inc."

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.