

House Bill 695

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to free
2 license plates and revalidation decals for disabled veterans, so as to allow for veterans
3 deemed 60 percent disabled to qualify for a free license plate and annual revalidation decal;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to free license
8 plates and revalidation decals for disabled veterans, is amended by revising subsections (b)
9 and (c) as follows:

10 "(b) Any veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions and who has been
11 adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being ~~100~~ 60 percent
12 ~~totally~~ disabled and entitled to receive service connected benefits shall, upon application
13 therefor, be issued a free motor vehicle license plate upon presentation of proof that he or
14 she is receiving or that he or she is entitled to receive benefits for a ~~100~~ 60 percent service
15 connected disability, as long as he or she is ~~100~~ 60 percent disabled. A veteran who claims
16 that such ~~100~~ 60 percent ~~total~~ disability is permanent shall furnish proof of such permanent
17 disability through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 (c)(1) Once a veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle
19 license plates as a result of being permanently disabled, he or she shall be entitled to
20 receive free plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years on any automobile,
21 private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of
22 three-quarter tons or less that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse own or
23 acquire in the future.

24 (2) Once a veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle
25 license plates as a result of having a ~~100~~ 60 percent ~~total~~ disability which has not been
26 determined to be a permanent disability, he or she shall be entitled to receive free plates

27 or free revalidation decals in succeeding years upon furnishing, on an annual basis, proof
28 of such ~~100~~ 60 percent disability through a letter from the United States Department of
29 Veterans Affairs. Such free plates or free revalidation decals shall apply to any
30 automobile, private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type
31 vehicle of three-quarter tons or less that he or she may own or jointly with his or her
32 spouse own or acquire in the future.

33 (3)(A) Two license plates or revalidation decals each year shall be furnished for
34 vehicles other than motorcycles to veterans qualifying under this Code section unless
35 the originals are lost. Such plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the
36 vehicle.

37 (B) One license plate or revalidation decal each year shall be furnished for motorcycles
38 to veterans qualifying under this Code section unless the original is lost. Such plate
39 shall be fastened to the rear of the vehicle.

40 (4) In the event of the death of the person who received the special license plates
41 pursuant to this Code section, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to
42 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, his or her surviving spouse may continue to
43 receive the free special license plates and revalidation decals until the death of the
44 surviving spouse."

45 **SECTION 2.**

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