

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to HB 253:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Department of Public Safety, so as to allow the commissioner of public safety, with the  
3 approval of the Board of Public Safety, to sell or trade surplus motor vehicles and use the  
4 proceeds of the sale or trade toward the purchase of new motor vehicles; to modify  
5 provisions relating to use of retired unmarked pursuit cars for training; to provide for related  
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
10 of Public Safety, is amended by revising Code Section 35-2-57, relating to the use of retired  
11 unmarked pursuit cars for training, as follows:

12 "35-2-57.

13 When an unmarked pursuit vehicle used by the Georgia State Patrol for the purpose of  
14 enforcing the traffic laws of this state is first removed from the field and will no longer be  
15 used on a regular basis for pursuit purposes, the commissioner of public safety shall notify  
16 ~~the administrator of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and shall~~ is authorized, in  
17 his or her discretion, to make such pursuit vehicle available to such center the Georgia  
18 Public Safety Training Center for the purpose of training public safety officers pursuant to  
19 Chapter 5 of this title. Such vehicles may also be sold or traded pursuant to Code Section  
20 35-2-58. Upon notification by the commissioner, the administrator of the Georgia Public  
21 Safety Training Center shall be authorized to take immediate possession of any such  
22 pursuit vehicle."

23 SECTION 2.

24 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

25 "35-2-58.

26 (a) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the commissioner, subject to approval by  
27 the board, shall have the power to sell or trade surplus motor vehicles no longer needed by  
28 the department and use the proceeds from the sale or trade toward the purchase of new  
29 motor vehicles by the department.

30 (b) Subject to approval by the board, available funds, and Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title  
31 50, the commissioner is authorized, in his or her discretion, to purchase new motor vehicles  
32 for use by the department.

33 (c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this  
34 Code section. The disposition of motor vehicles by the department shall not be subject to  
35 Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 or subject to the procedures or approval of any other state  
36 agency."

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
39 without such approval.

40 **SECTION 4.**

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