

Senate Bill 490

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to control of signs and signals on the state highway system, to provide  
3 for the authority of the Department of Transportation to lease certain state property for  
4 industrial or commercial activity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to control of signs and signals on the state highway system, is amended by adding  
10 a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "32-6-73.1.

12 The department may lease the use of areas above or below state highways or transportation  
13 facilities for industrial or commercial activity. Leases authorized under this Code section  
14 shall be subject to any restrictions or conditions the department deems necessary to ensure  
15 the adequate protection of safe and efficient utilization, operation, and maintenance of the  
16 state highway system. Such leases shall comply with all applicable local zoning  
17 regulations and ordinances. The department shall comply with the requirements of Article  
18 4 of Chapter 2 of this title before entering into a lease agreement authorized under this  
19 Code section."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.