

The Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee offered the following substitute to SB 473:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 issuance of license plates to veterans awarded Purple Hearts, so as to include persons still  
3 serving in the armed services; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the issuance of  
7 license plates to veterans awarded Purple Hearts, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
8 follows:  
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10 "(a)(1) Motor vehicle or motorcycle owners who are veterans of the armed forces of the  
11 United States who have been awarded the Purple Heart citation shall be eligible to receive  
12 a special and distinctive vehicle license plate for a private passenger car, motorcycle, or  
13 truck used for personal transportation, provided that the requisite number of applications  
14 are is received by the commissioner as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.  
15 Such license plate shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating  
16 to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.  
17 (2) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'veteran' shall include a member of the  
18 armed forces or reserves who is still serving on active duty after being awarded the  
19 Purple Heart citation."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.