

Senate Bill 473

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Jeffares of the 17th and Hill of the 4th

AS PASSED SENATE

**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:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the issuance of
8 license plates to veterans awarded Purple Hearts, is amended by revising subsection (a) as
9 follows:

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23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.