

House Bill 180

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to
3 repeal repetitive language and increase the percentage of fees collected for specialty license
4 plates allotted to currently designated charitable funds and organizations; to amend Code
5 Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of travel
6 lanes and the use of such lanes, so as to conform cross-references; to amend Code Section
7 40-8-90 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on use of blue
8 lights on vehicles, so as to conform cross-references; to provide for related matters; to
9 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
13 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by
14 revising Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates promoting certain beneficial
15 projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, as follows:
16 "40-2-86.

17 (a)(1) As used in this Code section, the term:

18 (A) 'Manufacturing fee' means a \$25.00 fee paid at the time a special license plate is
19 issued.

20 (B) 'Special license plate fee' means a \$35.00 fee paid at the time a special license plate
21 is issued.

22 (C) 'Special license plate renewal fee' means a \$35.00 fee paid at the time a
23 revalidation decal is issued for a special license plate.

24 (2) In accordance with Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution, the
25 General Assembly has determined that the issuance of special license plates to support
26 an agency or fund or a program beneficial to the people of this state that is administered

27 by a nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal
28 Revenue Code and dedicating a portion of the funds raised from the sale of these special
29 license plates is in the best interests of the people of this state.

30 (b) The agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation sponsoring the special license plate, in
31 cooperation with the commissioner, shall design special distinctive license plates
32 appropriate to promote the program benefited by the sale of the special license plate. The
33 special license plates must be of the same size as general issue motor vehicle license plates
34 and shall include a unique design and identifying number, whereby the total number of
35 characters does not exceed an amount to be determined by the commissioner. No two
36 recipients shall receive identically numbered plates. The agency, fund, or nonprofit
37 corporation sponsoring the license plate may request the assignment of the first of 100 in
38 a series of license plates upon payment of an additional initial registration fee of \$25.00 for
39 each license plate requested.

40 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, no special
41 license plate shall be produced until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a
42 licensing agreement or otherwise, received such licenses or other permissions as may be
43 required to produce the special license plate. The design of the initial edition of any special
44 license plate, as well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or
45 parts of the designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the
46 State of Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the
47 commissioner. The commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice
48 of and protect such right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall
49 be cumulative of the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this
50 subsection as a matter of law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design
51 or designs, except as authorized by the commissioner.

52 (d) Any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor vehicle, except a vehicle registered
53 under the International Registration Plan, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws
54 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon the payment of the
55 appropriate fees in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee shall be able to
56 apply for a special license plate listed in this Code section. Revalidation decals shall be
57 issued for special license plates in the same manner as provided for general issue license
58 plates.

59 (e) Before the department disburses to the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation funds
60 from the sale of special license plates, the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation must
61 provide a written statement stating the manner in which such funds shall be utilized. In
62 addition, a nonprofit corporation must provide the department with documentation of its
63 nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code. The

64 purposes for which the funds shall be utilized must be the same as those specified in this
65 Code section authorizing the dedication to the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation of
66 revenue from the sale of special license plates. The agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation
67 shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other
68 evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. If it is determined that the
69 funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in the statement provided by the agency,
70 fund, or nonprofit corporation, the department shall withhold payment of such funds until
71 such noncompliance issues are resolved.

72 (f) An applicant may request a special license plate any time during the applicant's
73 registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license plate, the
74 special license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached upon payment of the
75 manufacturing fee and the special license plate renewal fee.

76 (g) On or after July 1, 2010, no special license plate authorized pursuant to subsection (l)
77 of this Code section shall be issued except upon the receipt by the department of at least
78 1,000 prepaid applications along with the manufacturing fees. The special license plate
79 shall have an application period of two years after the date on which the application period
80 becomes effective for payment of the manufacturing fee. After such time if the minimum
81 number of applications is not met, the department shall not continue to accept the
82 manufacturing fees, and all fees shall be refunded to applicants; provided, however, that
83 once the department has received 1,000 prepaid applications along with the manufacturing
84 fees, the sponsor shall not be entitled to a refund.

85 (h) The department shall not be required to continue to manufacture the special license
86 plate if the number of active registrations falls below 500 registrations at any time during
87 the period provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31. A current registrant
88 may continue to renew such special license plate during his or her annual registration
89 period upon payment of the special license plate renewal fee which shall be collected by
90 the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted
91 to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The department may continue to issue
92 such special license plates that it has in its inventory to assist in achieving the minimum
93 number of registrations. If the special license plate falls below 500 active registrations at
94 any time during the period provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-31, the
95 sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation shall be required again to obtain 1,000
96 prepaid applications accompanied by the manufacturing fees to continue to manufacture
97 the special license plate.

98 (i) Special license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle in
99 accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-80.

100 (j) Special license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application once the
101 requirements of this Code section have been met.

102 (k) The commissioner is authorized and directed to establish procedures and promulgate
103 rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Code section.

104 (l)(1) The General Assembly has determined that special license plates supporting the
105 agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations listed in this subsection shall be issued for the
106 purposes indicated. The special license plates listed in this subsection shall be subject to
107 a manufacturing fee, a special license plate fee, and a special license plate renewal fee.
108 The revenue disbursement for the special license plates listed in this subsection shall be
109 as follows:

110 (A) Manufacturing fee – \$25.00 of which \$24.00 is to be deposited into the general
111 fund and \$1.00 to be paid to the local county tag agent;

112 (B) Special license plate fee – \$35.00 of which ~~\$25.00~~ \$10.00 is to be deposited into
113 the general fund and ~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund,
114 or nonprofit corporation as permitted by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
115 Constitution; and

116 (C) Special license plate renewal fee – \$35.00 of which ~~\$25.00~~ \$10.00 is to be
117 deposited into the general fund and ~~\$10.00~~ \$25.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring
118 agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation as permitted by Article III, Section IX,
119 Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution.

120 (2) Special license plates promoting the Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program of the
121 Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The funds raised by the sale of these special
122 license plates shall be disbursed to the Nongame Wildlife Conservation and Wildlife
123 Habitat Acquisition Fund of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the
124 purposes enumerated in subsection (b) of Code Section 12-3-602. Such license plates
125 shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Give
126 Wildlife a Chance' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

127 (3) A special license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of trout populations.
128 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Wildlife
129 Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources to supplement trout
130 restoration and management programs.

131 (4) A special license plate supporting the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Initiative. The
132 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Wildlife
133 Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources to conduct programs
134 designed to enhance the bobwhite quail population in this state. Such programs may
135 include the creation of habitat demonstration areas on state managed wildlife lands,
136 education programs, technical assistance to private landowners in the creation and

137 maintenance of bobwhite quail habitats on their lands, and projects to encourage public
138 support for the license plate and the activities it funds. The Department of Natural
139 Resources may enter into such contractual agreements as may be appropriate to further
140 the objectives of the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Initiative, including entering into
141 contractual agreements whereby private landowners, public agencies, or corporate entities
142 create, preserve, or enhance habitat for bobwhite quail in return for the payment of
143 incentives. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county decal but shall
144 instead bear the legend 'Support Wildlife' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

145 (5) Special license plates promoting the conservation of wildflowers within this state.
146 The funds raised by the sale of these special license plates shall be disbursed to the
147 Department of Transportation to be deposited in the Roadside Enhancement and
148 Beautification Fund established by Code Section 32-6-75.2 and shall be expended only
149 for the purposes enumerated in Code Section 32-6-75.2 and Article III, Section IX,
150 Paragraph VI(1) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

151 (6) Special license plates promoting the dog and cat reproductive sterilization support
152 program of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The funds raised by the sale of these
153 special license plates shall be disbursed to the Georgia Department of Agriculture and
154 shall be deposited in the special fund for support of the dog and cat reproductive
155 sterilization support program created by Code Section 4-15-1 and Article III, Section IX,
156 Paragraph VI(m) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

157 (7) Special license plates to honor Georgia educators. The funds raised by the sale of
158 these special license plates shall be disbursed to a charitable foundation designated by the
159 State School Superintendent and used to fund educational programs, grants to teachers,
160 and scholarships. The license plates shall display the phrase 'Georgia Educators Make
161 A Difference' and a ripe Red Delicious apple shall be depicted to the left of the
162 identifying number of each plate.

163 (8)(A) The commissioner in cooperation with a college or university may design a
164 special license plate to be issued commemorating that college or university, which
165 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents
166 of the state except that the logo or emblem of the college or university shall be placed
167 on the license plate along with the letters and numbers on the license plate. The name
168 of the college or university shall be imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the
169 county name decal.

170 (B) Any college or university that enters into an agreement with the commissioner
171 pursuant to this paragraph shall waive any royalty fees to which it might otherwise be
172 entitled for use of its seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype as provided in this paragraph.

173 (C) Each college or university located in Georgia that enters into an agreement with
174 the commissioner pursuant to this paragraph shall designate a charitable foundation
175 which shall annually receive an allocation from the special license plate and special
176 license plate renewal fees collected as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
177 Special license plates issued under this paragraph shall be transferred between vehicles
178 as provided in Code Section 40-2-42.

179 (D) The funds allocated for colleges and universities located in Georgia shall be
180 delivered by the department to the charitable foundation designated by the particular
181 college or university to support needs based, academic, financial aid scholarships for
182 eligible undergraduate students enrolled in the college or university. The funds
183 otherwise allocated for colleges and universities located outside the State of Georgia
184 shall be placed into the general fund.

185 (E) Each college or university shall review and approve plans for the implementation
186 of these scholarship programs by the applicable charitable foundation. These plans
187 shall include, but need not be limited to, criteria for the awarding of the scholarships
188 and procedures for determining the recipients.

189 (9) A special license plate for the Georgia Center for the Book to support the purchase
190 of books for public libraries in Georgia. The funds raised by the sale of this special
191 license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Center for the Book.

192 (10) A special license plate for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to support the work this
193 pediatric hospital system does in the State of Georgia. The funds raised by the sale of this
194 special license plate shall be disbursed to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

195 (11) A special license plate for the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home to support the
196 implementation and operation of the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home. The funds
197 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of
198 Veterans Service for use in operating the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home.

199 (12) A special license plate for the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame
200 Association to promote the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame Association, which
201 is devoted to preserving the history of automobile racing in Georgia. The funds raised
202 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Automobile
203 Racing Hall of Fame Association.

204 (13) A special license plate for the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter, to help
205 eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to enhance care
206 and support for individuals, their families, and caregivers. The funds raised by the sale
207 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia
208 Chapter.

209 (14) A special license plate for the school health and physical education program to help
210 fund school health and physical education programs. The funds raised by the sale of this
211 special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of Education.

212 (15) A special license plate for stroke awareness, treatment, and prevention to support
213 programs aiding stroke victims in Georgia. Such license plate shall not include a space
214 for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Stroke Awareness' in lieu of the
215 name of the county of issuance. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
216 shall be disbursed to the Center for Telehealth of the Georgia Health Sciences University.

217 (16) A special license plate for Project Lifesaver promoting the establishment of a
218 Project Lifesaver or similar type of program by local law enforcement agencies. Project
219 Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for
220 victims of Alzheimer's disease and other related mental dysfunction disorders and victims
221 who become lost. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be
222 disbursed to the Department of Public Safety or a nonprofit corporation organized
223 exclusively for the purpose of establishing a Project Lifesaver or similar type of program
224 by local law enforcement agencies.

225 (17) A special license plate for pediatric cancer to raise funds to support the treatment
226 of pediatric cancer. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county name decal
227 but shall instead bear the legend 'Cure Kids' Cancer' in lieu of the name of the county of
228 issuance. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to
229 the Department of Community Health to be deposited in the Indigent Care Trust Fund
230 created by Code Section 31-8-152 to fund pediatric cancer screening and treatment
231 related programs for those children who are medically indigent and may have cancer.

232 (18) A special license plate for the child care industry to promote the child care industry
233 by encouraging higher educational standards and providing for professional camaraderie
234 for child care providers. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county name
235 decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Support Improved Child Care' in lieu of the name
236 of the county of issuance. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall
237 be disbursed to the Minority Alliance for Child Care Development Advocates, Inc., for
238 the development of programs to help improve child care.

239 (19) A special license plate to display the motto, 'In God We Trust.' The funds raised by
240 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Boy Scouts of America for
241 the development of scouting programs.

242 (20) A special license plate for child abuse prevention. Such license plate shall not
243 include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Prevent Child
244 Abuse' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance. The funds raised by the sale of this

245 special license plate shall be disbursed to the Foster Family Foundation of Georgia for
246 the development of programs to help victims of child abuse.

247 (21) A special license plate for the Thanks Mom and Dad Fund. The funds raised by the
248 sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of Human Services
249 to address the key needs of the state's older population or a nonprofit corporation
250 organized to serve the needs of the state's older population.

251 (22) A special license plate for pediatric cancer research. The funds raised by the sale
252 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Joanna McAfee Childhood Cancer
253 Foundation for support of pediatric cancer research. The design of the special license
254 plate provided for in this paragraph shall include the words 'Joanna McAfee Childhood
255 Cancer Foundation' horizontally across the bottom of the plate in lieu of the county name.

256 (23) A special license plate for supporting beautification projects in Cobb County. The
257 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Keep Cobb
258 Beautiful, Inc., for support of beautification projects in Cobb County.

259 (24) A special license plate for the AIDS Survival Project. The funds raised by the sale
260 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the AIDS Survival Project which is
261 committed to providing people living with HIV the information and support they need
262 to live healthy and productive lives.

263 (25) A special license endorsing 'Support Our Troops.' The funds raised by the sale of
264 this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia National Guard Family Support
265 Foundation, Incorporated.

266 (26) A special license plate for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The funds raised by
267 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Georgia Sons of Confederate
268 Veterans.

269 (27) A special license plate for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as 'Lou
270 Gehrig's disease,' to support research and education on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The
271 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the ALS
272 Association of Georgia.

273 (28) A special license plate for foster parents to support programs for foster parents in
274 Georgia. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to
275 The Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia, Inc., for support of foster parents
276 in Georgia.

277 (29) A special license plate for the Atlanta Braves Foundation to assist the charities
278 supported by the foundation. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
279 shall be disbursed to the Department of Community Affairs or such other public agency
280 or nonprofit corporation as may be designated.

281 (30) A special license plate for the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation to assist the
282 charities supported by the foundation. The funds raised by the sale of this special license
283 plate shall be disbursed to the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation. Such license plate
284 shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend
285 'Atlanta Falcons' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

286 (31) A special license plate for supporting beautification projects in Georgia. The funds
287 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Keep Georgia
288 Beautiful Foundation, Inc., for support of beautification projects in Georgia.

289 (32) A special license plate displaying the logo of Choose Life, Inc. The words 'Choose
290 Life' must appear at the bottom. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
291 shall be disbursed to Choose Life of Georgia, Inc., to be distributed among nonprofit
292 corporations in Georgia that counsel women to consider adoption.

293 (33) A special license plate supporting education on the maritime history of Georgia's
294 coast. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to The
295 Georgia Maritime Foundation, Inc., for use in programs supporting education on the
296 maritime history of Georgia.

297 (34) A special license plate supporting programs for persons with brain related disorders
298 and disabilities. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be
299 disbursed to Pilot International for support of programs for persons with brain related
300 disorders in Georgia.

301 (35) A special license plate supporting agriculture in Georgia. The funds raised by the
302 sale of this special license plate shall be evenly split between Georgia 4-H and the
303 Georgia Association of Future Farmers of America to fund projects promoting agriculture
304 in Georgia.

305 (36) A special license plate promoting the Georgia equine industry. The funds raised by
306 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Agricultural Commodity
307 Commission for Equines.

308 (37) A special license plate promoting African American history and tourism in Georgia.
309 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to
310 organizations dedicated to the preservation of African American history in Georgia.

311 (38) A special license plate honoring veterans who have been awarded the Bronze Star.
312 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the National
313 Guard Family Foundation.

314 (39) A special license plate promoting the arts in Georgia. The funds raised by the sale
315 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Council for the Arts.

316 (40) A special license plate supporting programs for the treatment of autism. The funds
317 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of

318 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the support of programs for the
319 treatment of autism in Georgia.

320 (41) A special license plate honoring the work of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. The
321 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to The Garden Club
322 of Georgia, Inc., and used to fund scholarships that are awarded by the club.

323 (42) A special license plate promoting the Georgia Junior Golf Foundation. The funds
324 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Junior
325 Golf Foundation.

326 (43) A special license plate commemorating 100 years of scouting in the United States.
327 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Boy
328 Scouts of America for the development of scouting programs.

329 (44) A special license plate supporting Cobb County Public Schools. The funds raised
330 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Cobb County Public
331 Schools Educational Foundation and used to fund educational programs, grants to
332 teachers, and scholarships in the Cobb County Public School System.

333 (45) A special license plate supporting the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. The funds raised
334 by the sale of this special license plate shall be charged and disbursed to the Nongame
335 Wildlife Conservation and Wildlife Habitat Acquisition Fund and used to fund nongame
336 wildlife conservation and education programs. The design of the license plate provided
337 for in this paragraph shall include the words 'Jekyll Island – Georgia's Jewel' horizontally
338 across the bottom of the plate in lieu of the county name, with a diamond jewel symbol
339 in place of the dash.

340 (46) A special license plate commemorating and supporting the sport of soccer in
341 Georgia. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to
342 the Georgia State Soccer Association, Inc., for the development and promotion of soccer
343 programs in the State of Georgia. Such license plate shall not include a space for a
344 county decal but shall instead bear the legend 'gasoccer.org'.

345 (47) A special license plate for the Georgia Aquarium to support its mission as an
346 entertaining, educational, and scientific institution and to promote the conservation of
347 aquatic biodiversity throughout the world. The funds raised by the sale of this special
348 plate shall be disbursed to Georgia Aquarium, Inc. Such license plate shall not include
349 a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Georgia Aquarium' in
350 lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

351 (48) A special license plate for Zoo Atlanta to support its mission to inspire the citizens
352 of Atlanta and Georgia and all visitors to the zoo to value wildlife on Earth; to help
353 safeguard existing species through conservation by providing for an informative,
354 educational, and engaging experience to all visitors; to carry out the responsible

355 stewardship of the animals and the zoo facility; and to engage in related conservation
 356 activities and research. The funds raised by the sale of this special plate shall be
 357 disbursed to the Atlanta-Fulton County Zoo, Inc. Such license plate shall not include a
 358 space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Protect Wildlife' in lieu
 359 of the name of the county of issuance.

360 ~~(m)(1) The General Assembly has determined that the following special license plates~~
 361 ~~supporting the agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations listed in this subsection shall be~~
 362 ~~issued for the purposes indicated. The special license plates listed in this subsection shall~~
 363 ~~be subject to a manufacturing fee, a special license plate fee, and a special license plate~~
 364 ~~renewal fee. The revenue disbursement for the special license plates listed in this~~
 365 ~~subsection shall be as follows:~~

366 ~~(A) Manufacturing fee - \$25.00 of which \$24.00 is to be deposited into the general~~
 367 ~~fund and \$1.00 to be paid to the local county tag agent;~~

368 ~~(B) Special license plate fee - \$35.00 of which \$13.00 is to be deposited into the~~
 369 ~~general fund and \$22.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit~~
 370 ~~corporation; and~~

371 ~~(C) Special license plate renewal fee - \$35.00 of which \$13.00 is to be deposited into~~
 372 ~~the general fund and \$22.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or~~
 373 ~~nonprofit corporation.~~

374 ~~(2)(49)~~ A special license plate promoting the United States Disabled Athletes Fund, for
 375 the support of disabled athletes. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
 376 shall be disbursed as ~~provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the United States
 377 Disabled Athletes Fund.

378 ~~(3)(50)~~ A special license plate commemorating Civil War battlefields and historic sites.
 379 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as ~~provided~~
 380 ~~in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the Civil War Commission for the acquisition of
 381 Civil War battlefields and associated Civil War historic sites in this state and for the
 382 maintenance, protection, and interpretation of the same as provided by Article 5 of
 383 Chapter 7 of Title 50.

384 ~~(4)(51)~~ A special license plate promoting historic preservation efforts. The funds raised
 385 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as ~~provided in paragraph (1) of~~
 386 ~~this subsection~~ to the Department of Natural Resources for use by the Historic
 387 Preservation Division to fund historic preservation programs in the state through the
 388 Georgia historic preservation grant program as otherwise authorized by law.

389 ~~(5)(52)~~ A special license plate promoting bicycle safety. The funds raised by the sale of
 390 this special license plate shall be disbursed as ~~provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~

391 to the Governor's Highway Safety Program administered by the Office of Highway Safety
392 in the Department of Public Safety.

393 ~~(6)(53)~~ A special license plate honoring families with a member serving in the military.
394 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided~~
395 ~~in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the Department of Veterans Service for use by the
396 National Guard Foundation in carrying out such programs and purposes as may be
397 contractually agreed upon by the department and the foundation.

398 ~~(7)(54)~~ A special license plate promoting 'Support Georgia Troops.' The funds raised by
399 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided in paragraph (1) of this~~
400 ~~subsection~~ to the Department of Veterans Service for use by the National Guard
401 Foundation in carrying out such programs and purposes as may be contractually agreed
402 upon by the department and the foundation.

403 ~~(8)(55)~~ A special license plate promoting NASCAR. The provisions of paragraph (1)
404 of this subsection notwithstanding, from the additional \$35.00 special license plate
405 renewal fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the NASCAR license plates
406 authorized under this paragraph, \$10.25 shall be used by the department for purchasing
407 plates from the supplier of the plates, as designated by NASCAR, and royalty costs,
408 \$10.00 shall be deposited in the general fund, and \$14.75 shall be disbursed to the
409 Governor's Highway Safety Program administered by the Office of Highway Safety in
410 the Department of Public Safety.

411 ~~(9)(56)~~ A special license plate to support breast cancer related programs for the
412 medically indigent. ~~The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection notwithstanding,~~
413 ~~from the additional \$35.00 special license plate fee or special license plate renewal fee~~
414 ~~charged for the issuance and renewal of breast cancer license plates authorized under this~~
415 ~~paragraph, \$12.95 shall be deposited in the general fund and \$22.05~~ The funds raised by
416 the sale of this special license plate shall be deposited in the Indigent Care Trust Fund
417 created by Code Section 31-8-152 to fund cancer screening and treatment related to
418 programs for those persons who are medically indigent and may have breast cancer. To
419 the extent consistent with Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(i) of the Constitution and
420 Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 31, such programs may include education, breast cancer
421 screening, grants-in-aid to breast cancer victims, pharmacy assistance programs for breast
422 cancer victims, and other projects to encourage public support for the special license plate
423 and the activities which it funds. Such design shall include a logo the same as the United
424 States postal stamp supporting breast cancer research and bearing the slogan 'Fund the
425 Fight. Find A Cure.' over the sketch of a woman and the breast cancer awareness pink
426 ribbon symbol.

427 ~~(10)(57)~~ A special license plate to support prostate cancer related awareness and research
 428 programs. ~~The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection notwithstanding, from the~~
 429 ~~additional \$35.00 special license plate fee or special license plate renewal fee charged for~~
 430 ~~the issuance and renewal of prostate cancer license plates authorized under this~~
 431 ~~paragraph, \$13.00 shall be deposited in the general fund and \$22.00~~ The funds raised by
 432 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Prostate Cancer
 433 Coalition to fund prostate cancer awareness, research, screening, and treatment related
 434 programs.

435 ~~(11)(58)~~ A special license plate to support lung cancer related awareness and research
 436 programs. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as
 437 provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Joan Gaeta Lung Cancer Fund to fund
 438 lung cancer awareness, screening, research, and treatment related programs.

439 ~~(12)(59)~~ A special license plate to support Georgia nurses and charitable and
 440 philanthropic efforts to support, advance, and promote the nursing profession. The funds
 441 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as provided in paragraph
 442 ~~(1) of this subsection~~ to the Georgia Nurses Foundation of the Georgia Nurses
 443 Association for carrying out such programs and purposes.

444 (60) A special license plate identifying persons with diabetes. The main purpose of the
 445 special license plate is that law enforcement officers and emergency personnel will be
 446 alerted to the potential for special needs before they approach the driver of a vehicle,
 447 especially if the vehicle has been involved in an accident. The funds raised by the sale
 448 of this special license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.

449 (61) A special license plate honoring all veterans who have served in the armed services
 450 of the United States. All of these men and women have sacrificed a portion of their lives
 451 in order to serve their country and protect our freedom. The funds raised by the sale of
 452 this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Department of Veterans
 453 Services.

454 (62) A special license plate honoring the Georgia Association of Realtors. The
 455 Association is being honored for its long-standing support of housing opportunities for
 456 all citizens of this state, private property rights, and all organizations that assist people
 457 in achieving the American dream of home ownership. The funds raised by the sale of this
 458 special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Association of Realtors.

459 (63) A special license plate honoring Georgia municipal clerks. The municipal clerk's
 460 office provides the professional link connecting citizens with their local governing bodies
 461 and agencies of government at other levels. The funds raised by the sale of this license
 462 plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers
 463 Association.

464 (64) A special license plate identifying residents of the State of Georgia who hold an
 465 unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal
 466 Communications Commission. The special license plate shall be inscribed with the
 467 official amateur radio call letters of such applicant as assigned by the Federal
 468 Communications Commission. The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be
 469 deposited in the general fund.

470 (65)(A) A special license plate to be issued for alternative fueled vehicles, which
 471 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents
 472 of the state except that the commissioner shall place a distinctive logo or emblem on
 473 the license plate which shall distinguish the vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle
 474 eligible to travel in travel lanes designated for such vehicles under paragraph (4) of
 475 subsection (a) of Code Section 32-9-4. The words 'alternative fueled vehicle' shall be
 476 imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the county name decal. The funds
 477 raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.

478 (B) As used in this paragraph, the term:

479 (i) 'Alternative fuel' means methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols; mixtures
 480 containing 85 percent or more or such other percentage, but not less than 70 percent,
 481 as determined by the United States secretary of energy, by rule as it existed on
 482 January 1, 1997, to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or vehicle
 483 functions, by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline
 484 or other fuels; natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; hydrogen; coal derived liquid
 485 fuels; fuels other than alcohol derived from biological materials; electricity including
 486 electricity from solar energy; and any other fuel the United States secretary of energy
 487 determined by rule as it existed on January 1, 1997, is substantially not petroleum and
 488 would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental
 489 benefits.

490 (ii) 'Alternative fueled vehicle' means:

491 (I) Any vehicle fueled by alternative fuel as defined in division (i) of this
 492 subparagraph; or

493 (II) A hybrid vehicle, which means a motor vehicle which draws propulsion energy
 494 from onboard sources of stored energy which include an internal combustion or heat
 495 engine using combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system; and, in the
 496 case of a passenger automobile or light truck, means for any 2000 and later model,
 497 a vehicle which has received a certificate of conformity under the Clean Air Act, 42
 498 U.S.C. Section 7401, et seq., and meets or exceeds the equivalent qualifying
 499 California low-emission vehicle standard under Section 243(e)(2) of the Clean Air
 500 Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7583(c)(2), for that make and model year or, for any 2004

501 and later model, a vehicle which has received a certificate that such vehicle meets
502 or exceeds the Bin 5 Tier II emission level established in regulations prescribed by
503 the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 202(i) of
504 the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7521(i), for that make and model year vehicle
505 and which achieves a composite label fuel economy greater than or equal to 1.5
506 times the Model Year 2002 EPA composite class average for the same vehicle class
507 and which is made by a manufacturer.

508 (66) A special license plate for antique or hobby or special interest vehicles. As used in
509 this paragraph, the term 'antique or hobby or special interest vehicle' means any motor
510 vehicle or motorcycle or a motor vehicle which has been designed and manufactured to
511 resemble an antique or historical vehicle and which is owned as a collector's item and for
512 participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses but which may
513 be used for general transportation. No owner of such antique vehicle or hobby or special
514 interest vehicle shall be required to obtain any special permits for its operation on the
515 roads of this state. The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in
516 the general fund.

517 (67)(A) A special license plate for owners of a private passenger car or truck used for
518 personal transportation, who are firefighters certified pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 25
519 and who are members of fire departments certified pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 3
520 of Title 25 and motor vehicle owners who are certified firefighters of legally organized
521 volunteer fire departments which have been certified pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter
522 3 of Title 25. Such license plate shall be inscribed with such letters, numbers, words,
523 symbols, or a combination thereof as determined by the commissioner to identify the
524 owner as a certified firefighter. The chiefs of the various fire departments shall furnish
525 to the commissioner a list of the certified firefighters of their fire departments who
526 reside in Georgia which list shall be updated as necessary. The funds raised by the sale
527 of this license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia State Firefighters Association.

528 (B) Should a certified firefighter who has been issued a special and distinctive license
529 plate be separated from such firefighter's department for any reason other than
530 retirement from employment, the chief of such fire department shall obtain the
531 separated member's license plate at the time of the separation and shall forward same
532 to the commissioner along with a certificate to the effect that such person has been
533 separated, and thereupon the commissioner shall reissue a regular license plate, at no
534 additional charge, to such former certified firefighter to replace the special and
535 distinctive plate. Should a certified firefighter return to service with the same or
536 another fire department, the chief of such fire department shall likewise secure the
537 regular license plate of such person and return same to the commissioner, along with

538 a certificate to the effect that such person has become a member of the fire department,
 539 and the effective date thereof, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon application and
 540 upon the payment of a \$35.00 manufacturing fee and all other applicable registration
 541 and licensing fees at the time of registration, reissue a special and distinctive license
 542 plate to such new member to replace the returned regular plate. Upon such request for
 543 a change in plate for a certified firefighter who is separated from a fire department, the
 544 chief of the fire department shall furnish such member with a copy of the chief's letter
 545 to the commissioner requesting the appropriate change in plate, which copy of such
 546 letter may be used by such member pending the issuance of the new plate.

547 (C) Motor vehicle owners who were firefighters certified pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title
 548 25 or were members of fire departments certified pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 3 of
 549 Title 25 and who retired from employment as such shall continue to be eligible for the
 550 firefighter license plates issued under this paragraph the same as if they continued to
 551 be certified and employed as firefighters. Whenever such a certified firefighter who has
 552 been issued a special and distinctive license plate is retired from employment with such
 553 firefighter's department, the chief of such fire department shall forward to the
 554 commissioner a certificate to the effect that such person has been retired.

555 (D) The spouse of a deceased firefighter shall continue to be eligible to be issued a
 556 distinctive special firefighter's license plate as provided in this paragraph so long as
 557 such person does not remarry.

558 (68) A special license plate supporting Rotary International. The design of the special
 559 license plate, excepting only the Rotary International logo and motto 'Service Above Self'
 560 and the years 1905-2005 and any other part of the design owned by others and licensed
 561 to the state, shall be owned solely by the State of Georgia for its exclusive use and
 562 control, except as authorized by the commissioner. The funds raised by the sale of this
 563 license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.

564 (69) A special license plate for any Georgia resident who is the owner of a private
 565 passenger motor vehicle and provides proof of certification or licensure by the State of
 566 Georgia as an emergency medical technician, paramedic, or owner of a licensed
 567 ambulance service in the State of Georgia promoting the EMS Star of Life Symbol. Such
 568 license plate shall display the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's EMS
 569 Star of Life Symbol and the initials 'EMS.' The funds raised by the sale of this license
 570 plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services."

571 **SECTION 2.**

572 Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to special
 573 license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies,

574 funds, or nonprofit corporations and plates to identify persons with diabetes, honor veterans
575 of the armed services, and honor the Georgia Association of Realtors.

576 **SECTION 3.**

577 Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of
578 travel lanes and the use of such lanes, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a)
579 as follows:

580 "(4) Vehicles bearing alternative fueled vehicle license plates issued under ~~paragraph (7)~~
581 ~~of subsection (1) of Code Section 40-2-86.†~~ 40-2-86; or"

582 **SECTION 4.**

583 Code Section 40-8-90 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on
584 use of blue lights on vehicles, is amended by revising subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of
585 subsection (a) as follows:

586 "(C) Antique, hobby, and special interest vehicles, as defined in ~~paragraph (8) of~~
587 ~~subsection (1) of Code Section 40-2-86.†~~ 40-2-86, which may display a blue light or
588 lights of up to one inch in diameter as part of any such vehicle's rear stop lamps, rear
589 turning indicator, rear hazard lamps, and rear reflectors."

590 **SECTION 5.**

591 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2014.

592 **SECTION 6.**

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