

Senate Bill 124

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to miscellaneous provisions of uniform rules of the road, so as to increase the
3 penalties for failure to properly secure a load on a motor vehicle; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 miscellaneous provisions of uniform rules of the road, is amended by revising Code Section
10 40-6-254, relating to operating a vehicle without adequately securing a load, as follows:

11 "40-6-254.

12 No person shall operate any motor vehicle with a load on or in such vehicle unless the load
13 on or in such vehicle is adequately secured to prevent the dropping or shifting of such load
14 onto the roadway in such a manner as to create a safety hazard. Any person who operates
15 a vehicle in violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and
16 aggravated nature and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013, and shall apply to offenses committed on
19 or after such date.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.