

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 180:

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 the
5 allocation of fees collected for specialty license plates; to provide for a new specialty license
6 plate for the Grady Health Foundation; to amend Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code
7 of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of travel lanes and the use of such lanes, so as
8 to conform cross-references; to amend Code Section 40-8-90 of the Official Code of Georgia
9 Annotated, relating to restrictions on use of blue lights on vehicles, so as to conform
10 cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
11 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

13 **SECTION 1.**

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

18 "40-2-86.

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

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

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

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

26 (2) In accordance with Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution, the
27 General Assembly has determined that the issuance of special license plates to support
28 an agency or fund or a program beneficial to the people of this state that is administered
29 by a nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal
30 Revenue Code and dedicating a portion of the funds raised from the sale of these special
31 license plates is in the best interests of the people of this state.

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

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

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

61 (e) Before the department disburses to the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation funds
62 from the sale of special license plates, the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation must

63 provide a written statement stating the manner in which such funds shall be utilized. In
64 addition, a nonprofit corporation must provide the department with documentation of its
65 nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code. The
66 purposes for which the funds shall be utilized must be the same as those specified in this
67 Code section authorizing the dedication to the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation of
68 revenue from the sale of special license plates. The agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation
69 shall periodically provide to the commissioner an audit of the use of the funds or other
70 evidence of use of the funds satisfactory to the commissioner. If it is determined that the
71 funds are not being used for the purposes set forth in the statement provided by the agency,
72 fund, or nonprofit corporation, the department shall withhold payment of such funds until
73 such noncompliance issues are resolved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

114 (B) Special license plate fee – \$35.00 of which \$25.00 is to be deposited into the
115 general fund and \$10.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit
116 corporation as permitted by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution
117 for those special license plates authorized by paragraphs (2) through (16), (18) through
118 (21), (23) through (56), (61), (63) through (65), and (69) and above of this subsection.
119 For those license plates authorized by paragraphs (17), (22), and (58) through (60) of
120 this subsection, \$35.00 of which \$10.00 is be deposited into the general fund and
121 \$25.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation as
122 permitted by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution. After January
123 1, 2020, the revenue disbursement for all special license plates listed in this subsection
124 shall be \$35.00 of which \$10.00 is to be deposited into the general fund and \$25.00 is
125 to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation as permitted
126 by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution; and

127 (C) Special license plate renewal fee – \$35.00 of which \$25.00 is to be deposited into
128 the general fund and \$10.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or
129 nonprofit corporation as permitted by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
130 Constitution for those special license plates authorized by paragraphs (2) through (16),
131 (18) through (21), (23) through (56), (61), (63) through (65), and (69) and above of this
132 subsection. For those license plates authorized by paragraphs (17), (22), and (58)
133 through (60) of this subsection, \$35.00 of which \$10.00 is be deposited into the general
134 fund and \$25.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit
135 corporation as permitted by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution.
136 After January 1, 2020, the revenue disbursement for all special license plates listed in

137 this subsection shall be \$35.00 of which \$10.00 is to be deposited into the general fund
138 and \$25.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation
139 as permitted by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution.

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

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

151 (4) A special license plate supporting the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Initiative. The
152 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Wildlife
153 Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources to conduct programs
154 designed to enhance the bobwhite quail population in this state. Such programs may
155 include the creation of habitat demonstration areas on state managed wildlife lands,
156 education programs, technical assistance to private landowners in the creation and
157 maintenance of bobwhite quail habitats on their lands, and projects to encourage public
158 support for the license plate and the activities it funds. The Department of Natural
159 Resources may enter into such contractual agreements as may be appropriate to further
160 the objectives of the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Initiative, including entering into
161 contractual agreements whereby private landowners, public agencies, or corporate entities
162 create, preserve, or enhance habitat for bobwhite quail in return for the payment of
163 incentives. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county decal but shall
164 instead bear the legend 'Support Wildlife' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.

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

171 (6) Special license plates promoting the dog and cat reproductive sterilization support
172 program of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The funds raised by the sale of these
173 special license plates shall be disbursed to the Georgia Department of Agriculture and

174 shall be deposited in the special fund for support of the dog and cat reproductive
175 sterilization support program created by Code Section 4-15-1 and Article III, Section IX,
176 Paragraph VI(m) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

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

183 (8)(A) The commissioner in cooperation with a college or university may design a
184 special license plate to be issued commemorating that college or university, which
185 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents
186 of the state except that the logo or emblem of the college or university shall be placed
187 on the license plate along with the letters and numbers on the license plate. The name
188 of the college or university shall be imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the
189 county name decal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

219 (12) A special license plate for the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame
220 Association to promote the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame Association, which
221 is devoted to preserving the history of automobile racing in Georgia. The funds raised
222 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Automobile
223 Racing Hall of Fame Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

262 (20) A special license plate for child abuse prevention. Such license plate shall not
263 include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Prevent Child
264 Abuse' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance. The funds raised by the sale of this
265 special license plate shall be disbursed to the Foster Family Foundation of Georgia for
266 the development of programs to help victims of child abuse.

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

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

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

279 (24) A special license plate for AID Atlanta. The funds raised by the sale of this special
280 license plate shall be disbursed to AID Atlanta which is committed to providing people

- 281 living with HIV the information and support they need to live healthy and productive
282 lives.
- 283 (25) A special license endorsing 'Support Our Troops.' The funds raised by the sale of
284 this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia National Guard Family Support
285 Foundation, Incorporated.
- 286 (26) A special license plate for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The funds raised by
287 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Georgia Sons of Confederate
288 Veterans.
- 289 (27) A special license plate for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as 'Lou
290 Gehrig's disease,' to support research and education on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The
291 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the ALS
292 Association of Georgia.
- 293 (28) A special license plate for foster parents to support programs for foster parents in
294 Georgia. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to
295 The Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia, Inc., for support of foster parents
296 in Georgia.
- 297 (29) A special license plate for the Atlanta Braves Foundation to assist the charities
298 supported by the foundation. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
299 shall be disbursed to the Department of Community Affairs or such other public agency
300 or nonprofit corporation as may be designated.
- 301 (30) A special license plate for the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation to assist the
302 charities supported by the foundation. The funds raised by the sale of this special license
303 plate shall be disbursed to the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation. Such license plate
304 shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend
305 'Atlanta Falcons' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance.
- 306 (31) A special license plate for supporting beautification projects in Georgia. The funds
307 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Keep Georgia
308 Beautiful Foundation, Inc., for support of beautification projects in Georgia.
- 309 (32) A special license plate displaying the logo of Choose Life, Inc. The words 'Choose
310 Life' must appear at the bottom. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
311 shall be disbursed to Choose Life of Georgia, Inc., to be distributed among nonprofit
312 corporations in Georgia that counsel women to consider adoption.
- 313 (33) A special license plate supporting education on the maritime history of Georgia's
314 coast. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to The
315 Georgia Maritime Foundation, Inc., for use in programs supporting education on the
316 maritime history of Georgia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

336 (40) A special license plate supporting programs for the treatment of autism. The funds
337 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of
338 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the support of programs for the
339 treatment of autism in Georgia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

371 (48) A special license plate for Zoo Atlanta to support its mission to inspire the citizens
372 of Atlanta and Georgia and all visitors to the zoo to value wildlife on Earth; to help
373 safeguard existing species through conservation by providing for an informative,
374 educational, and engaging experience to all visitors; to carry out the responsible
375 stewardship of the animals and the zoo facility; and to engage in related conservation
376 activities and research. The funds raised by the sale of this special plate shall be
377 disbursed to the Atlanta-Fulton County Zoo, Inc. Such license plate shall not include a
378 space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Protect Wildlife' in lieu
379 of the name of the county of issuance.

380 (49) A special license plate supporting the Appalachian Trail. The funds raised by the
381 sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy
382 and used to protect, maintain, and conserve the Georgia portion of the Appalachian Trail
383 and connecting trails, and to promote awareness of wilderness, hiking, and back country
384 recreation. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall
385 instead bear the legend 'www.appalachiantrail.org'.

386 (50) A special license plate supporting the Atlanta Braves Foundation. The funds raised
387 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as provided in paragraph (1) of
388 this subsection to the Atlanta Braves Foundation and used in the foundation's

389 philanthropic activities and charitable sponsorships. Such license plate shall not include
390 a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Go Braves.'

391 ~~(m)(1) The General Assembly has determined that the following special license plates~~
392 ~~supporting the agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations listed in this subsection shall be~~
393 ~~issued for the purposes indicated. The special license plates listed in this subsection shall~~
394 ~~be subject to a manufacturing fee, a special license plate fee, and a special license plate~~
395 ~~renewal fee. The revenue disbursement for the special license plates listed in this~~
396 ~~subsection shall be as follows:~~

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

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

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

405 ~~(2)~~(51) A special license plate promoting the United States Disabled Athletes Fund, for
406 the support of disabled athletes. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
407 shall be disbursed ~~as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the United States
408 Disabled Athletes Fund.

409 ~~(3)~~(52) A special license plate commemorating Civil War battlefields and historic sites.
410 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided~~
411 ~~in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the Civil War Commission for the acquisition of
412 Civil War battlefields and associated Civil War historic sites in this state and for the
413 maintenance, protection, and interpretation of the same as provided by Article 5 of
414 Chapter 7 of Title 50.

415 ~~(4)~~(53) A special license plate promoting historic preservation efforts. The funds raised
416 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided in paragraph (1) of~~
417 ~~this subsection~~ to the Department of Natural Resources for use by the Historic
418 Preservation Division to fund historic preservation programs in the state through the
419 Georgia historic preservation grant program as otherwise authorized by law.

420 ~~(5)~~(54) A special license plate promoting bicycle safety. The funds raised by the sale of
421 this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~
422 to the Governor's Highway Safety Program administered by the Office of Highway Safety
423 in the Department of Public Safety.

424 ~~(6)~~(55) A special license plate honoring families with a member serving in the military.
425 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided~~

426 ~~in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the Department of Veterans Service for use by the
 427 National Guard Foundation in carrying out such programs and purposes as may be
 428 contractually agreed upon by the department and the foundation.

429 ~~(7)(56)~~ A special license plate promoting 'Support Georgia Troops.' The funds raised by
 430 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed ~~as provided in paragraph (1) of this~~
 431 ~~subsection~~ to the Department of Veterans Service for use by the National Guard
 432 Foundation in carrying out such programs and purposes as may be contractually agreed
 433 upon by the department and the foundation.

434 ~~(8)(57)~~ A special license plate promoting NASCAR. The provisions of paragraph (1)
 435 of this subsection notwithstanding, from the additional \$35.00 special license plate
 436 renewal fee charged for the issuance and renewal of the NASCAR license plates
 437 authorized under this paragraph, \$10.25 shall be used by the department for purchasing
 438 plates from the supplier of the plates, as designated by NASCAR, and royalty costs,
 439 \$10.00 shall be deposited in the general fund, and \$14.75 shall be disbursed to the
 440 Governor's Highway Safety Program administered by the Office of Highway Safety in
 441 the Department of Public Safety.

442 ~~(9)(58)~~ A special license plate to support breast cancer related programs for the
 443 medically indigent. ~~The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection notwithstanding,~~
 444 ~~from the additional \$35.00 special license plate fee or special license plate renewal fee~~
 445 ~~charged for the issuance and renewal of breast cancer license plates authorized under this~~
 446 ~~paragraph, \$12.95 shall be deposited in the general fund and \$22.05~~ The funds raised by
 447 the sale of this special license plate shall be deposited in the Indigent Care Trust Fund
 448 created by Code Section 31-8-152 to fund cancer screening and treatment related to
 449 programs for those persons who are medically indigent and may have breast cancer. To
 450 the extent consistent with Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(i) of the Constitution and
 451 Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 31, such programs may include education, breast cancer
 452 screening, grants-in-aid to breast cancer victims, pharmacy assistance programs for breast
 453 cancer victims, and other projects to encourage public support for the special license plate
 454 and the activities which it funds. Such design shall include a logo the same as the United
 455 States postal stamp supporting breast cancer research and bearing the slogan 'Fund the
 456 Fight. Find A Cure.' over the sketch of a woman and the breast cancer awareness pink
 457 ribbon symbol.

458 ~~(10)(59)~~ A special license plate to support prostate cancer related awareness and research
 459 programs. ~~The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection notwithstanding, from the~~
 460 ~~additional \$35.00 special license plate fee or special license plate renewal fee charged for~~
 461 ~~the issuance and renewal of prostate cancer license plates authorized under this~~
 462 ~~paragraph, \$13.00 shall be deposited in the general fund and \$22.00~~ The funds raised by

463 the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Prostate Cancer
 464 Coalition to fund prostate cancer awareness, research, screening, and treatment related
 465 programs.

466 ~~(11)(60)~~ A special license plate to support lung cancer related awareness and research
 467 programs. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as
 468 ~~provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection~~ to the Joan Gaeta Lung Cancer Fund to fund
 469 lung cancer awareness, screening, research, and treatment related programs.

470 ~~(12)(61)~~ A special license plate to support Georgia nurses and charitable and
 471 philanthropic efforts to support, advance, and promote the nursing profession. The funds
 472 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as ~~provided in paragraph~~
 473 ~~(1) of this subsection~~ to the Georgia Nurses Foundation of the Georgia Nurses
 474 Association for carrying out such programs and purposes.

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

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

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

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

495 (66) A special license plate identifying residents of the State of Georgia who hold an
 496 unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal
 497 Communications Commission. The special license plate shall be inscribed with the
 498 official amateur radio call letters of such applicant as assigned by the Federal

499 Communications Commission. The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be
 500 deposited in the general fund.

501 (67)(A) A special license plate to be issued for alternative fueled vehicles, which
 502 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents
 503 of the state except that the commissioner shall place a distinctive logo or emblem on
 504 the license plate which shall distinguish the vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle
 505 eligible to travel in travel lanes designated for such vehicles under paragraph (4) of
 506 subsection (a) of Code Section 32-9-4. The words 'alternative fueled vehicle' shall be
 507 imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the county name decal. The funds
 508 raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.

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

510 (i) 'Alternative fuel' means methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols; mixtures
 511 containing 85 percent or more or such other percentage, but not less than 70 percent,
 512 as determined by the United States secretary of energy, by rule as it existed on
 513 January 1, 1997, to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or vehicle
 514 functions, by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline
 515 or other fuels; natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; hydrogen; coal derived liquid
 516 fuels; fuels other than alcohol derived from biological materials; electricity including
 517 electricity from solar energy; and any other fuel the United States secretary of energy
 518 determined by rule as it existed on January 1, 1997, is substantially not petroleum and
 519 would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental
 520 benefits.

521 (ii) 'Alternative fueled vehicle' means:

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

524 (II) A hybrid vehicle, which means a motor vehicle which draws propulsion energy
 525 from onboard sources of stored energy which include an internal combustion or heat
 526 engine using combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system; and, in the
 527 case of a passenger automobile or light truck, means for any 2000 and later model,
 528 a vehicle which has received a certificate of conformity under the Clean Air Act, 42
 529 U.S.C. Section 7401, et seq., and meets or exceeds the equivalent qualifying
 530 California low-emission vehicle standard under Section 243(e)(2) of the Clean Air
 531 Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7583(c)(2), for that make and model year or, for any 2004
 532 and later model, a vehicle which has received a certificate that such vehicle meets
 533 or exceeds the Bin 5 Tier II emission level established in regulations prescribed by
 534 the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 202(i) of
 535 the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7521(i), for that make and model year vehicle

536 and which achieves a composite label fuel economy greater than or equal to 1.5
 537 times the Model Year 2002 EPA composite class average for the same vehicle class
 538 and which is made by a manufacturer.

539 (68) A special license plate for antique or hobby or special interest vehicles. As used in
 540 this paragraph, the term 'antique or hobby or special interest vehicle' means any motor
 541 vehicle or motorcycle or a motor vehicle which has been designed and manufactured to
 542 resemble an antique or historical vehicle and which is owned as a collector's item and for
 543 participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses but which may
 544 be used for general transportation. No owner of such antique vehicle or hobby or special
 545 interest vehicle shall be required to obtain any special permits for its operation on the
 546 roads of this state. The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in
 547 the general fund.

548 (69)(A) A special license plate for owners of a private passenger car or truck used for
 549 personal transportation, who are firefighters certified pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 25
 550 and who are members of fire departments certified pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 3
 551 of Title 25 and motor vehicle owners who are certified firefighters of legally organized
 552 volunteer fire departments which have been certified pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter
 553 3 of Title 25. Such license plate shall be inscribed with such letters, numbers, words,
 554 symbols, or a combination thereof as determined by the commissioner to identify the
 555 owner as a certified firefighter. The chiefs of the various fire departments shall furnish
 556 to the commissioner a list of the certified firefighters of their fire departments who
 557 reside in Georgia which list shall be updated as necessary. The funds raised by the sale
 558 of this license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia State Firefighters Association.

559 (B) Should a certified firefighter who has been issued a special and distinctive license
 560 plate be separated from such firefighter's department for any reason other than
 561 retirement from employment, the chief of such fire department shall obtain the
 562 separated member's license plate at the time of the separation and shall forward same
 563 to the commissioner along with a certificate to the effect that such person has been
 564 separated, and thereupon the commissioner shall reissue a regular license plate, at no
 565 additional charge, to such former certified firefighter to replace the special and
 566 distinctive plate. Should a certified firefighter return to service with the same or
 567 another fire department, the chief of such fire department shall likewise secure the
 568 regular license plate of such person and return same to the commissioner, along with
 569 a certificate to the effect that such person has become a member of the fire department,
 570 and the effective date thereof, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon application and
 571 upon the payment of a \$35.00 manufacturing fee and all other applicable registration
 572 and licensing fees at the time of registration, reissue a special and distinctive license

573 plate to such new member to replace the returned regular plate. Upon such request for
 574 a change in plate for a certified firefighter who is separated from a fire department, the
 575 chief of the fire department shall furnish such member with a copy of the chief's letter
 576 to the commissioner requesting the appropriate change in plate, which copy of such
 577 letter may be used by such member pending the issuance of the new plate.

578 (C) Motor vehicle owners who were firefighters certified pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title
 579 25 or were members of fire departments certified pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 3 of
 580 Title 25 and who retired from employment as such shall continue to be eligible for the
 581 firefighter license plates issued under this paragraph the same as if they continued to
 582 be certified and employed as firefighters. Whenever such a certified firefighter who has
 583 been issued a special and distinctive license plate is retired from employment with such
 584 firefighter's department, the chief of such fire department shall forward to the
 585 commissioner a certificate to the effect that such person has been retired.

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

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

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

602 (72) A special license plate for the Grady Health Foundation to support and improve the
 603 quality of health care services. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
 604 shall be disbursed to the Grady Health Foundation."

605 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

610 **SECTION 3.**

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

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

616 **SECTION 4.**

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

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

624 **SECTION 5.**

625 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

626 **SECTION 6.**

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