

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to HB 881:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 special license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy  
3 agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to adjust fund allocation for certain specialty  
4 wildlife license plates; to provide for a new special license plate for the Grady Health  
5 Foundation; to repeal obsolete provisions; to provide for related matters; to require a  
6 two-thirds' majority vote for passage in accordance with constitutional requirements; to  
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license  
11 plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds,  
12 or nonprofit corporations, is amended by revising subsection (a) and by adding a new  
13 subsection to read as follows:

14 "(a)(1) As used in this Code section, except as otherwise provided in subsection (n) of  
15 this Code section, the term:

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

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

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

22 (2) In accordance with Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution, the  
23 General Assembly has determined that the issuance of special license plates to support  
24 an agency or fund or a program beneficial to the people of this state that is administered  
25 by a nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal

26 Revenue Code and dedicating a portion of the funds raised from the sale of these special  
27 license plates is in the best interests of the people of this state."

28 "(n)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that Code Section 12-3-600 mandates that the  
29 best interests of the state are served by providing for the conservation of nongame species  
30 of wildlife and has determined that the following special license plates supporting the  
31 agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations listed in this subsection shall be issued for the  
32 purposes indicated. The special license plates listed in this subsection shall be subject to  
33 a special license plate fee and a special license plate renewal fee. The revenue  
34 disbursement for the special license plates listed in this subsection shall be as follows:

35 (A) Special license plate fee – \$25.00 of which \$5.00 is to be deposited into the general  
36 fund, \$1.00 is to be paid to the local county tag agent and \$19.00 is to be dedicated to  
37 the sponsoring agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation; and

38 (B) Special license plate renewal fee – \$25.00 of which \$5.00 is to be deposited into  
39 the general fund and \$20.00 is to be dedicated to the sponsoring agency, fund, or  
40 nonprofit corporation.

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

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

52 (4) A special license plate supporting the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Initiative. The  
53 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Wildlife  
54 Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources to conduct programs  
55 designed to enhance the bobwhite quail population in this state. Such programs may  
56 include the creation of habitat demonstration areas on state managed wildlife lands,  
57 education programs, technical assistance to private landowners in the creation and  
58 maintenance of bobwhite quail habitats on their lands, and projects to encourage public  
59 support for the license plate and the activities it funds. The Department of Natural  
60 Resources may enter into such contractual agreements as may be appropriate to further  
61 the objectives of the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Initiative, including entering into  
62 contractual agreements whereby private landowners, public agencies, or corporate entities

63 create, preserve, or enhance habitat for bobwhite quail in return for the payment of  
64 incentives. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county decal but shall  
65 instead bear the legend 'Support Wildlife' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

66 **SECTION 2.**

67 Said Code section is further amended in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as  
68 follows:

69 "(51) A special license plate for the Grady Health Foundation to support and improve the  
70 quality of health care services. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate  
71 shall be disbursed to the Grady Health Foundation."

72 **SECTION 3.**

73 Said Code section is further amended by repealing paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subsection  
74 (l) and designating said paragraphs as reserved.

75 **SECTION 4.**

76 In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph (VI)(n) of the  
77 Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the  
78 requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

79 **SECTION 5.**

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