

House Bill 242

By: Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Atwood of the 179th, Tanner of the 9th, and others

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 provide for a special and distinctive motor vehicle license plate for public safety first
4 responders who have received a major injury in the line of duty; to provide for standards for
5 the issuance of such license plates; to provide for applicable fees; to provide for authority to
6 establish rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
7 for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by
12 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "40-2-63.1.

14 (a) Any law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel,
15 ambulance driver, or other similarly employed public safety first responder who has
16 sustained a major injury through no fault of his or her own during the competent
17 performance of his or her official duties shall, upon application therefor, be issued a special
18 and distinctive motor vehicle license plate upon presentation of proof that such individual
19 is entitled to receive such special license plate. Application for such license plates shall
20 include payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00. For purposes of this Code section, a
21 major injury shall be one that was of sufficient seriousness as to require hospitalization or
22 comparable medical treatment and which resulted in permanent disability or disfigurement
23 of the body.

24 (b) License plates issued pursuant to this Code section need not contain a place for the
25 county name decal, and a county name decal need not be affixed to a license plate issued
26 pursuant to this Code section. Special and distinctive license plates issued pursuant to this

27 Code section shall be renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon
28 compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an
29 additional registration fee of \$35.00 which shall be collected by the county tag agent at the
30 time for collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided
31 in Code Section 40-2-34. The special license plates issued pursuant to this Code section
32 shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.
33 (c) The commissioner is authorized and directed to design the license plate, establish
34 procedures, establish standards for proof of eligibility, and promulgate rules and
35 regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Code section."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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