

Senate Bill 192

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, James of the 35th and Jackson of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for a civil penalty for  
3 commercial vehicle drivers and employers when a commercial vehicle is operated in  
4 violation of provisions relating to the display of license plates; to provide for related matters;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-41,  
10 relating to display of license plates, as follows:

11 "40-2-41.

12 Unless otherwise permitted under this chapter, every vehicle required to be registered under  
13 this chapter, which is in use upon the highways, shall at all times display the license plate  
14 issued to the owner for such vehicle, and the plate shall be fastened to the rear of the  
15 vehicle in a position so as not to swing and shall be at all times plainly visible. No person  
16 shall display on the rear of a motor vehicle any temporary or permanent plate or tag not  
17 issued by the State of Georgia which is intended to resemble a license plate which is issued  
18 by the State of Georgia. The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules and regulations so  
19 as to permit the display of a license plate on the front of certain vehicles. It shall be the  
20 duty of the operator of any vehicle to keep the license plate legible at all times. No license  
21 plate shall be covered with any material unless the material is colorless and transparent.  
22 No apparatus that obstructs or hinders the clear display and legibility of a license plate shall  
23 be attached to the rear of any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state. Any  
24 person who violates any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
25 Any person who drives a commercial motor vehicle while in violation of the provisions of  
26 this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined a civil penalty of \$500.00.  
27 Any employer who knowingly allows, requires, permits, or authorizes a driver to drive a

28 commercial motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of this Code section shall be fined  
29 a civil penalty of \$2,500.00."

30 **SECTION 2.**

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