

House Bill 609

By: Representatives Caldwell of the 20th, Yates of the 73rd, and Rice of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 license plates for veterans awarded Purple Heart, so as to provide for free revalidation decals
3 for such license plates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 40-2-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates
8 for veterans awarded Purple Heart, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(b) A veteran who qualifies for the special and distinctive license plate pursuant to
10 subsection (a) of this Code section shall make application therefor with the commissioner
11 and include the requisite fee. Said applicant may apply for and be limited to not more than
12 one free license plate at a time and one free revalidation decal in succeeding years;
13 provided, however, that upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code
14 Section 40-2-151 and payment of the manufacturing fee provided for in this Code section,
15 a veteran may obtain an additional such license plate. The commissioner shall retain all
16 applications received for such special and distinctive license plate until a minimum of 250
17 applications have been received. After receipt of 250 applications for such distinctive
18 license plate, the commissioner shall design a distinctive license plate as provided in
19 subsection (c) of this Code section and issue the distinctive license plates to present and
20 future qualifying applicants. If the commissioner does not receive the required minimum
21 250 applications no later than July 31 of the year preceding the year of issuance of such
22 plates, the commissioner shall not accept any applications for nor issue such distinctive
23 license plates and all fees shall be refunded to applicants. The commissioner shall
24 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce compliance with all
25 state license laws relating to the use and operation of private passenger cars, motorcycles,
26 and trucks before issuing these license plates in lieu of the regular Georgia license plates.

27 The manufacturing fee for each additional special and distinctive license plate shall be
28 \$25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and
29 regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where such vehicles have been
30 transferred or sold. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, such plates
31 shall be nontransferable."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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