

ADOPTED

Senators Hill of the 32nd and Thompson of the 14th offers the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 48 (LC 39 0981S) by inserting after "plate;" on line 12 "to provide for a special*
 2 *and distinctive motor vehicle license plate for members of the Georgia State Defense Force;"*.

3 *By inserting after line 106 the following:*

4 **SECTION 2.1.**

5 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-81, which was previously
 6 reserved, as follows:

7 "40-2-81.

8 (a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'Georgia State Defense Force' means that
 9 organization established pursuant to Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38.

10 (b)(1) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State Defense
 11 Force shall be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private
 12 passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles used for personal
 13 transportation. Such license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor
 14 vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in
 15 Article 2 of this chapter.

16 (2)(A) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are members of the Georgia State
 17 Defense Force shall be issued upon application for and upon compliance with the state
 18 motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles a Georgia
 19 State Defense Force member license plate. One such license plate shall be issued
 20 without the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee.

21 (B) Each member of the Georgia State Defense Force shall be entitled to no more than
 22 one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that upon payment of a
 23 manufacturing fee of \$25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license
 24 plate. For each additional license plate for which a \$25.00 manufacturing fee is
 25 required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of \$25.00 which fee shall
 26 be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees
 27 and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34.

28 (c) The commissioner shall design a Georgia State Defense Force member license plate.
 29 The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
 30 enforce compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of private
 31 passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers before issuing these license plates in lieu

32 of the regular Georgia license plates. The manufacturing fee for such special and
33 distinctive license plates shall be \$25.00. The commissioner is specifically authorized to
34 promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance in instances where
35 such vehicles have been transferred or sold. Such plates shall be nontransferable.

36 (d) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of
37 this chapter for private passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers used for personal
38 transportation. Such plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers
39 and letters prescribed by law, so as to identify distinctively the owners as members of the
40 Georgia State Defense Force.

41 (e) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section may be transferred between
42 vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.

43 (f) Special license plates issued under this Code section, except as provided in
44 subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of this Code section, shall be renewed annually with a revalidation
45 decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 without payment of an additional \$25.00 annual
46 registration fee.

47 (g) Should a member of the Georgia State Defense Force who has been issued a license
48 plate or license plates be discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense
49 Force, the member shall forward his or her Georgia State Defense Force member license
50 plate or plates to the commissioner along with a certificate to the effect that such person
51 has been discharged or otherwise separated from the Georgia State Defense Force, and
52 thereupon the commissioner shall issue a regular license plate, at no additional charge, to
53 such former member of the Georgia State Defense Force to replace the Georgia State
54 Defense Force member plate or platesReserved."