

House Bill 579 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Dickey of the 140th, Taylor of the 173rd, England of the 116th, Roberts of the 155th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to special provisions for certain vehicles with regard to uniform rules of the road, so
3 as to permit the operation of certain vehicles on roads when used for agricultural or
4 silvicultural purposes; to provide for restrictions and limitations; to provide for local
5 restrictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 special provisions for certain vehicles with regard to uniform rules of the road, is amended
10 by adding a new part to read as follows:

11 Part 1A

12 40-6-305.

13 (a) As used in this part, the term:

14 (1) 'Farmer' means the owner of a commercial agricultural or silvicultural operation or
15 an employee thereof. Such term shall also include any spouse, child, sibling, parent,
16 grandparent, or grandchild of the owner of such operation.

17 (2) 'Farm use vehicle' means an all-terrain vehicle or personal transportation vehicle.

18 (b) A farmer who is 16 years of age or older may operate a farm use vehicle on any public
19 road or highway of this state so long as:

20 (1) Such vehicle has a properly affixed emblem conforming to the requirements of Code
21 Section 40-8-4; and

22 (2) Such vehicle is actively being operated by such farmer to transport:

23 (A) Agricultural products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a
24 farm; or

25 (B) Such farmer between his or her residence and the farm at which he or she works
26 or between properties of such farm.

27 40-6-306.

28 Every person operating a farm use vehicle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be
29 subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter
30 except as to special regulations in this part and except as to the provisions of this chapter
31 which by their nature can have no application.

32 40-6-307.

33 Any municipality may prohibit the operation of farm use vehicles on public roads and
34 highways within its jurisdiction if it is determined that such operation endangers the safety
35 of the traveling public."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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