

Senate Bill 415

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th
and Henson of the 41st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 uniform rules of the road, so as to revise the criminal penalty for operating a vehicle without
3 adequately securing load; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules
8 of the road, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-254, relating to operating vehicle
9 without adequately securing load, as follows:

10 "40-6-254.

11 No person shall operate any motor vehicle with a load on or in such vehicle unless the load
12 on or in such vehicle is adequately secured to prevent the dropping or shifting of such load
13 onto the roadway in such a manner as to create a safety hazard. For purposes of this Code
14 section, a load shall include, but not be limited to, a trailer required to be registered under
15 Chapter 2 of this title. Any person who operates a vehicle in violation of this Code section
16 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.