

House Bill 412 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Epps of the 144th, Powell of the 32nd, Ridley of the 6th, and Taylor of the 79th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to require study by the Department of Revenue of elimination of issuance of
3 revalidation decals for motor vehicle registration renewals; to provide for the electronic
4 submission of certain documents relating to registration and certificate of title of certain
5 vehicles to the department; to provide for the denial of applications for commercial vehicle
6 registration under the International Registration Plan in certain instances; to reserve a
7 duplicate Code section cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
12 amended in Article 1 of Chapter 1, relating to general provisions relative to identification and
13 regulation, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "40-1-9.

15 The state revenue commissioner shall perform an analysis on the possible elimination of
16 the revalidation decal requirement for motor vehicle registration renewals. Such analysis
17 shall study the costs, benefits, and feasibility of such proposal and determine the time
18 frame necessary for implementation by the department and county tag agents. The
19 commissioner shall submit a report of such findings to the chairpersons of the House
20 Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, the House Committee on Motor
21 Vehicles, and the Senate Public Safety Committee no later than January 1, 2018. This
22 Code section shall stand automatically repealed on January 1, 2020."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-88, relating to reciprocal agreements for
 25 registration of commercial vehicles on apportionment basis and waiver of penalties, by
 26 revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

27 ~~"(c)(1)(A) Applications for registration or renewal of registration under the International~~
 28 ~~Registration Plan may be submitted during the period of December 1, 2001, to February~~
 29 ~~15, 2002, for registration under such plan which shall be valid for a period beginning~~
 30 ~~January 1, 2002, and ending at the conclusion of the applicable registration period~~
 31 ~~specified in division (a)(1)(A)(ii) of Code Section 40-2-21 which occurs between July 1,~~
 32 ~~2002, and June 30, 2003.~~

33 ~~(B) On and after July 1, 2002, applications for annual registration or renewal of~~
 34 ~~registration under the International Registration Plan shall be submitted electronically~~
 35 ~~during the applicable registration period specified in division (a)(1)(A)(ii) of Code~~
 36 ~~Section 40-2-21."~~

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-88.1, relating to electronic filing
 39 system for registration of commercial vehicles, as follows:

40 "40-2-88.1.

41 ~~The department shall commence to initiate an electronic filing system for registration of~~
 42 ~~commercial vehicles under the International Registration Plan by January 1, 2008,~~
 43 ~~including temporary operating permits valid for any length of time; provided, however, that~~
 44 ~~in no event shall the total number of days of all temporary operating permits issued for a~~
 45 ~~vehicle exceed 60 days from the registration application filing date On and after~~
 46 ~~January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall require any applicant for a commercial vehicle~~
 47 ~~registration under the International Registration Plan to submit such application~~
 48 ~~electronically. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations which provide for~~
 49 ~~denial of an application, which shall include the denial of registration to applicants~~
 50 ~~previously prohibited by any federal or state agency from operating interstate or intrastate."~~

51 **SECTION 4.**

52 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-158, relating to fee assessment
 53 to registrants, as follows:

54 "40-2-158.

55 ~~For purposes of registration of any vehicle under subparagraph (c)(1)(A) of Code Section~~
 56 ~~40-2-88 only, registrants shall be assessed fees equivalent to one-twelfth of the annual fee~~

57 ~~otherwise provided by law multiplied by the number of months remaining until the end of~~
58 ~~the applicable registration period~~ Reserved."

59 **SECTION 5.**

60 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-33, relating to transfer of vehicle to or
61 from dealer and records to be kept by dealers, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

62 "(d) On and after January 1, 2018, all applications for certificate of title by a motor vehicle
63 dealer shall be submitted to the department electronically. The department may adopt rules
64 and regulations to administer this subsection."

65 **SECTION 6.**

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