

House Bill 666

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the  
3 proper display of license plates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, is amended by revising Code Section  
9 40-2-41, relating to display of license plates, as follows:

10 "40-2-41.

11 Unless otherwise permitted under this chapter, every vehicle required to be registered under  
12 this chapter, which is in use upon the highways, shall at all times display the license plate  
13 issued to the owner for such vehicle, and the plate shall be fastened to the rear of the  
14 vehicle in a position so as not to swing ~~and shall be at all times plainly visible.~~ Such  
15 license plate shall be positioned parallel to the ground, in such a manner that the letters and  
16 numerals may be read from left to right, and shall not be obstructed in any way that  
17 prevents the alphanumeric designation and validation decal from being readily identifiable.

18 No person shall display on the rear of a motor vehicle any temporary or permanent plate  
19 or tag not issued by the State of Georgia which is intended to resemble a license plate  
20 which is issued by the State of Georgia. The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules and  
21 regulations so as to permit the display of a license plate on the front of certain vehicles.  
22 ~~It shall be the duty of the operator of any vehicle to keep the license plate legible at all~~  
23 ~~times. No license plate shall be covered with any material unless the material is colorless~~  
24 ~~and transparent. No apparatus that obstructs or hinders the clear display and legibility of~~  
25 ~~a license plate shall be attached to the rear of any motor vehicle required to be registered~~

26 ~~in the state.~~ Any person who violates any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of  
27 a misdemeanor."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.