

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 671:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to revise the definition of authentic
3 historical Georgia license plates and the use of such plates; so as to establish a specialty
4 license plate to benefit the Georgia Beekeepers Association; to provide for related matters;
5 to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for compliance with
6 constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and
9 licensing of motor vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to
10 authentic historical Georgia license plates, as follows:

11 "40-2-41.1.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'authentic historical Georgia license plate' means
13 a license plate originally issued in the year ~~1970~~ 1989 or earlier and originally required to
14 be displayed on motor vehicles operated upon the streets and highways of this state in the
15 year ~~1970~~ 1989 or earlier pursuant to former motor vehicle registration laws of this state.

16 (b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in ~~1970~~ 1989 or earlier shall be
17 authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise
18 required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which
19 clearly represents the model year within four years of any such antique motor vehicle,
20 provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current
21 year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current Georgia license
22 plate or revalidation decal for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid Georgia
23 license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be
24 displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle.
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26 (c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate
27 shall be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

28 (d) No later than January 1, 2006, the commissioner shall have installed within the
29 department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor vehicles
30 the necessary program which will include in the information relating to the current Georgia
31 license plate or revalidation decal issued for an antique motor vehicle the information
32 relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be displayed on such
33 antique motor vehicle."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates
36 promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, funds, or nonprofit
37 corporations, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (m) to read as follows:

38 "(14) A special license plate promoting the conservation and protection of the official
39 insect of this state, the honey bee. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate
40 shall be disbursed to the Georgia Beekeepers Association and shall be used to increase
41 public awareness of the importance of the conservation of the honey bee and for funding
42 and supporting numerous association programs, including but not limited to the training
43 and education of both new and experienced beekeepers, prison beekeeper programs,
44 grants to beekeeping related nonprofit corporations, beekeeping research facilities in this
45 state, and projects that encourage public support for the license plate and the activities it
46 funds. Such special license plate shall include the phrase 'Save the Honey Bee' in lieu of
47 the county of issuance."

48 **SECTION 3.**

49 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
50 without such approval.

51 **SECTION 4.**

52 In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
53 Constitution of the State of Georgia, Section 2 this Act shall not become law unless it
54 receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of
55 Representatives.

56 **SECTION 5.**

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