

Senate Bill 24

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Jones II of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 registration and license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating  
3 permit, and two-year registration option for new motor vehicles, so as to require the  
4 registration of certain electric personal assistive mobility devices; to provide for related  
5 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-2-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and  
9 license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year  
10 registration option for new motor vehicles, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A)  
11 and subsection (b) as follows:

12 "(a)(1)(A) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (d) of this Code section and  
13 subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-47, every owner of a motor vehicle, including a  
14 tractor, electric personal assistive mobility device not provided for in subsection (b) of  
15 this Code section, or motorcycle, and every owner of a trailer shall, during the owner's  
16 registration period in each year, register such vehicle as provided in this chapter and  
17 obtain a license to operate it for the 12 month period until such person's next  
18 registration period."

19 "(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply:

20 (1) To any motor vehicle or trailer owned by the state or any municipality or other  
21 political subdivision of this state and used exclusively for governmental functions except  
22 to the extent provided by Code Section 40-2-37;

23 (2) To any tractor or three-wheeled motorcycle used only for agricultural purposes;

24 (2.1) To any vehicle or equipment used for transporting cargo or containers between and  
25 within wharves, storage areas, or terminals within the facilities of any port under the  
26 jurisdiction of the Georgia Ports Authority when such vehicle or equipment is being

27 operated upon any public road not part of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of  
28 Interstate and Defense Highways by the owner thereof or his or her agent within a radius  
29 of ten miles of the port facility of origin and accompanied by an escort vehicle equipped  
30 with one or more operating amber flashing lights that are visible from a distance of 500  
31 feet;

32 (3) To any trailer which has no springs and which is being employed in hauling  
33 unprocessed farm products to their first market destination;

34 (4) To any trailer which has no springs, which is pulled from a tongue, and which is used  
35 primarily to transport fertilizer to a farm;

36 (5) To any electric powered personal transportation vehicle for which the owner is a  
37 holder of a handicapped parking permit issued by the Department of Revenue and such  
38 owner is operating such electric powered personal transportation vehicle;

39 (6) To any moped; or

40 (7) To any golf car."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

43 **SECTION 3.**

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