

House Bill 171

By: Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Powell of the 32nd, Pruett of the 149th, Cooke of the 18th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to horns, exhaust systems, mirrors, windshields, tires, safety belts, and
3 energy absorption systems of motor vehicles, so as to allow for the use of mounts on
4 windshields of motor vehicles for the support of wireless telecommunications devices and
5 stand-alone electronic devices under certain circumstances; to provide for an exception; to
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to horns, exhaust systems, mirrors, windshields, tires, safety belts, and energy
11 absorption systems of motor vehicles, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section
12 40-8-73, relating to windshields and windshield wipers, as follows:

13 "(a) No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, or other nontransparent
14 material upon the front windshield, side windows, or rear windows of such vehicle which
15 obstructs the driver's clear view of the highway or any intersecting highway; provided,
16 however, that, except as prohibited by federal law, rules, or regulations in the operation of
17 a commercial motor vehicle, a person may drive a motor vehicle with a mount for the
18 support of a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device, as such
19 terms are defined in Code Section 40-6-241, upon the front windshield, provided that such
20 mount is located on the windshield in a manner which minimizes obstruction of the driver's
21 view."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.