

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 56:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Sections 32-9-4 and 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to designation of travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and use of such
3 lanes and registration of vehicles by manufacturers, distributors, and dealers, dealer plates,
4 and manufacturer headquarters plates, respectively, so as to provide for a distinctive logo or
5 emblem for manufacturer's, distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plates to be
6 placed upon alternative fueled vehicles to allow travel in exclusive or preferential use lanes
7 of the state highway system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
8 for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of
12 travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and use of such lanes, is amended by
13 revising subsection (a) as follows:

14 "(a) The department is authorized to designate travel lanes in each direction of travel on
15 any road in the state highway system for the exclusive or preferential use of:

16 (1) Buses;

17 (2) Motorcycles;

18 (3) Passenger vehicles occupied by two persons or more;

19 (4) Vehicles bearing alternative fueled vehicle license plates issued under paragraph (5)
20 of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-38 or paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code
21 Section 40-2-86.1; or

22 (5) Other vehicles as designated by the department.

23 Where such designation has been made, the road shall be appropriately marked with such
24 signs or other roadway markers and markings to inform the traveling public of the lane
25 restrictions imposed."

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SECTION 2.

27 Code Section 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of
28 vehicles by manufacturers, distributors, and dealers, dealer plates, and manufacturer
29 headquarters plates, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as
30 follows:

31 "(5) The commissioner shall include a distinctive logo or emblem for any manufacturer's,
32 distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate to be attached to an alternative
33 fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section
34 40-2-86.1. Pursuant to paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151, the
35 applicant for a special license plate provided for in this paragraph shall provide proof that
36 the registration fee prescribed therein has been paid for such vehicle prior to issuance of
37 such special license plate. Display of a special license plate issued pursuant to this
38 paragraph shall authorize travel by such alternative fueled vehicle in lanes for exclusive
39 or preferential use designated pursuant to Code Section 32-9-4."

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SECTION 3.

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