

House Bill 401

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Clark of the 98th, Belton of the 112th, Wiedower of the 119th, Gambill of the 15th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to
3 establish a special license plate for graduates of the United States Army Airborne School; to
4 provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations upon issuance of such license plates; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by
10 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "40-2-66.1.

12 (a) Motor vehicle owners who are graduates of the United States Army Airborne School
13 shall, upon application for a license plate and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle
14 laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under this chapter
15 for private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation, be
16 issued a license plate free of charge. Each graduate of the United States Army Airborne
17 School shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided,
18 however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section
19 40-2-151 and a manufacturing fee of \$25.00, a graduate shall be entitled to one additional
20 such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial \$25.00 fee is
21 required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of \$25.00, which fee shall be
22 collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and
23 shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. Additional words or
24 symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, shall be inscribed upon
25 such license plates so as to identify distinctively the owner as a graduate of the United
26 States Army Airborne School. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of any

27 graduate of the United States Army Airborne School, furnish to such graduate approved
28 documentation supporting the graduate's status. Such documentation shall be presented to
29 the tax commissioner of the county in which the graduate of the United States Army
30 Airborne School applies for the special license plate under this Code section and upon
31 subsequent reregistration for each succeeding year.

32 (b) Upon transfer of the ownership of a private passenger vehicle for which there is a
33 license plate issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and upon acquisition by
34 the graduate of the United States Army Airborne School of another motor vehicle, the
35 license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be placed on such newly acquired
36 motor vehicle and such graduate shall notify the commissioner of such transfer of the
37 license plate to such newly acquired motor vehicle in such manner as the commissioner
38 may prescribe by regulation and shall pay a transfer and cancellation fee of \$5.00 and any
39 applicable license fee for the newly acquired vehicle. A transfer and cancellation fee shall
40 not be charged for the transfer of a free United States Army Airborne School license plate.

41 (c) The commissioner shall make such rules and regulations as necessary to enforce
42 compliance with all state license laws relating to the use and operation of a private
43 passenger vehicle before issuing United States Army Airborne School license plates in lieu
44 of the regular Georgia license plates, and all applications for such plates shall be made to
45 the commissioner. The commissioner is specifically authorized to promulgate all rules and
46 regulations necessary to make adequate provision for instances in which such vehicles have
47 been transferred or sold. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, such
48 license plates shall be nontransferable."

49 **SECTION 2.**

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