

House Bill 43

By: Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Nix of the 69th, Martin of the 49th, Momtahan of the 17th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form
2 and contents of application for registration, heavy vehicle tax, and satisfactory proof of
3 insurance, so as to require motor vehicle registration application forms to include optional
4 information regarding certain conditions which may interfere with a registrant's ability to
5 communicate; to provide for the sharing of such information with law enforcement upon a
6 vehicle tag inquiry; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

10 Code Section 40-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form and
11 contents of application for registration, heavy vehicle tax, and satisfactory proof of insurance,
12 by revising subsection (b) as follows:

13 "(b)(1) Application shall be made by the owner of the vehicle upon ~~blanks~~ a form
14 prepared by the commissioner for such purposes. ~~The application shall contain a~~
15 ~~statement of~~ setting forth the name, place of residence, and address of the applicant; a
16 brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including its name and model, the name

17 of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's vehicle identification number, and its shipping
18 weight and carrying capacity; from whom, where, and when the vehicle was purchased;
19 the total amount of all liens, if any, thereon, with the name and address of the lienholder;
20 and such other information as the commissioner may require. ~~In addition, the~~

21 (2) The commissioner shall provide to further include on such form a place which
22 provides an applicant an opportunity to designate:

23 (A) Designate an alternative emergency contact telephone number that shall be made
24 available to a law enforcement officer making a vehicle tag inquiry with the records of
25 the department or criminal justice information system in the course of conducting
26 official law enforcement business; and

27 (B) Indicate that the applicant has a physical, mental, or neurological condition which
28 impedes the applicant's ability to communicate which shall be made available to a law
29 enforcement officer making a vehicle tag inquiry with the records of the department or
30 criminal justice information system in the course of conducting official law
31 enforcement business."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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