

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 43:

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 a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Walker's Law."

11 **SECTION 2.**

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

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15 "(b)(1) Application shall be made by the owner of the vehicle upon ~~blank~~ a form
 16 prepared by the commissioner for such purposes. ~~The application shall contain a~~
 17 ~~statement of setting forth~~ the name, place of residence, and address of the applicant; a
 18 brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including its name and model, the name
 19 of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's vehicle identification number, and its shipping
 20 weight and carrying capacity; from whom, where, and when the vehicle was purchased;
 21 the total amount of all liens, if any, thereon, with the name and address of the lienholder;
 22 and such other information as the commissioner may require. ~~In addition, the~~
 23 (2) The commissioner shall provide to further include on such form a place which
 24 provides an applicant an opportunity to designate:
 25 (A) Designate an alternative emergency contact telephone number that shall be made
 26 available to a law enforcement officer making a vehicle tag inquiry with the records of
 27 the department or criminal justice information system in the course of conducting
 28 official law enforcement business; and
 29 (B) Indicate that the applicant has a physical, mental, or neurological condition which
 30 impedes the applicant's ability to communicate which shall be made available to a law
 31 enforcement officer making a vehicle tag inquiry with the records of the department or
 32 criminal justice information system in the course of conducting official law
 33 enforcement business."

34 **SECTION 3.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.