

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to SB 44:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to provide for a special license plate for county tax commissioners; to provide
3 for issuance of a permit relating to operation of an amber strobe light upon low-speed
4 vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
8 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "40-2-63.2.

10 The commissioner shall mail to the local tag agents special and distinctive license plates
11 for the elected tax commissioners in the counties of this state on or before the owner's
12 registration period of each tax commissioner. Such special and distinctive license plates
13 shall be issued only upon proper applications made to the local tag agent and payment of
14 a \$25.00 manufacturing fee. Special tax commissioners' license plates issued pursuant to
15 this Code section shall be renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon
16 compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an

17 additional registration fee of \$25.00 which shall be collected by the county tag agent at the
18 time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided
19 in Code Section 40-2-34. Only one special and distinctive license plate shall be issued to
20 each elected tax commissioner; provided, however, that a tax commissioner may choose
21 to use his or her distinctive license plate either on the county vehicle assigned to such tax
22 commissioner or on his or her personal vehicle. No person may use such license plate after
23 his or her term as elected tax commissioner has ended."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-8-35, relating to operating
26 low-speed vehicles on highway requires amber strobe light, as follows:

27 "40-8-35.

28 (a) Any low-speed vehicle operated on the highways of this state shall display an amber
29 strobe light so as to warn approaching travelers to decrease their speed because of the
30 danger of colliding with such vehicle. Such amber strobe light shall be mounted in a
31 manner so as to be visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet
32 from the front and rear of such vehicle.

33 (b) Any permit required for compliance with this Code section shall be issued by a county
34 tag agent upon registration of such vehicle."

35 **SECTION 3.**

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