

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to SB 165:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 equipment and inspection of motor vehicles, so as to require the display of a reflective  
3 emblem or the use of strobe light while operating a slow-moving or low-speed vehicle; to  
4 provide for issuance of a permit relating to operation of an amber strobe light upon a  
5 low-speed vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equipment and  
10 inspection of motor vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-8-4, relating to  
11 emblem to be displayed on certain slow-moving vehicles or equipment operating on public  
12 roads, as follows:

13 "40-8-4.

14 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the public roads of this state any  
15 slow-moving vehicle or equipment, any farm trailer or semitrailer which is used for  
16 agricultural purposes and which would otherwise be exempt from this article as an

17 implement of husbandry under Code Section 40-8-1, any animal drawn vehicle, or any  
18 machinery designed for use and generally operated at speeds less than 25 miles per hour,  
19 including all road construction or maintenance equipment and machinery except when  
20 engaged in actual construction or maintenance procedures and all other construction  
21 equipment and machinery, unless there is displayed on the rear thereof an emblem which  
22 shall comply with subsection (b) of this Code section or an amber strobe light operated in  
23 compliance with Code Section 40-8-35. It shall also be unlawful to operate upon the public  
24 roads of this state without such an emblem any three-wheeled motorcycle used only for  
25 agricultural purposes unless such three-wheeled motorcycle is licensed as required by  
26 Chapter 2 of this title and is in compliance with all other requirements of this chapter.

27 (b) The emblem required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall conform with those  
28 standards and specifications adopted for slow-moving vehicles by the American Society  
29 of Agricultural Engineers in December, 1966, and contained within such society's standard  
30 ASAE S276.1, or shall be an emblem of the same shape and size painted on such vehicle  
31 in a bright and conspicuous retroreflective red orange paint. Such emblem shall be  
32 mounted on the rear of such vehicles, in the approximate horizontal geometric center of the  
33 vehicle, at a height of three to five feet above the roadway, and shall be maintained at all  
34 times in a clean and reflective condition.

35 (c) Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

36 (d) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to any self-propelled, two-wheeled vehicle."

37 **SECTION 2.**

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

40 "40-8-35.

41 (a) Any low-speed vehicle operated on the highways of this state without a properly  
42 affixed emblem conforming to the requirements of Code Section 40-8-4 shall display an

43 amber strobe light so as to warn approaching travelers to decrease their speed because of  
44 the danger of colliding with such vehicle. Such amber strobe light shall be mounted in a  
45 manner so as to be visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet  
46 from the front and rear of such vehicle.

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

49 **SECTION 3.**

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