

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE TO SENATE BILL 165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 annual license fees for operation of vehicles, so as to reduce the registration fee charged to
3 low-speed alternative fueled vehicles; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code
4 of Georgia Annotated, relating to equipment and inspection of motor vehicles, so as to
5 require the display of a reflective emblem or the use of strobe light while operating a
6 slow-moving or low-speed vehicle; to provide for issuance of a permit relating to operation
7 of an amber strobe light upon a low-speed vehicle; to provide for related matters; to provide
8 for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Code Section 40-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual
12 license fees for operation of vehicles, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(19)(A) as
13 follows:

14 "(19)(A)(i) Upon registration of an alternative fueled vehicle not operated
15 for commercial purposes 200.00

16 (ii) Upon registration of an alternative fueled vehicle operated for
 17 commercial purposes 300.00
 18 (iii) Upon registration of an alternative fueled vehicle that is a low-speed
 19 vehicle 100.00"

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

25 "40-8-4.

26 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the public roads of this state any
 27 slow-moving vehicle or equipment, any farm trailer or semitrailer which is used for
 28 agricultural purposes and which would otherwise be exempt from this article as an
 29 implement of husbandry under Code Section 40-8-1, any animal drawn vehicle, or any
 30 machinery designed for use and generally operated at speeds less than 25 miles per hour,
 31 including all road construction or maintenance equipment and machinery except when
 32 engaged in actual construction or maintenance procedures and all other construction
 33 equipment and machinery, unless there is displayed on the rear thereof an emblem which
 34 shall comply with subsection (b) of this Code section or an amber strobe light operated in
 35 compliance with Code Section 40-8-35. It shall also be unlawful to operate upon the public
 36 roads of this state without such an emblem any three-wheeled motorcycle used only for
 37 agricultural purposes unless such three-wheeled motorcycle is licensed as required by
 38 Chapter 2 of this title and is in compliance with all other requirements of this chapter.

39 (b) The emblem required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall conform with those
 40 standards and specifications adopted for slow-moving vehicles by the American Society
 41 of Agricultural Engineers in December, 1966, and contained within such society's standard

42 ASAE S276.1, or shall be an emblem of the same shape and size painted on such vehicle
43 in a bright and conspicuous retroreflective red orange paint. Such emblem shall be
44 mounted on the rear of such vehicles, in the approximate horizontal geometric center of the
45 vehicle, at a height of three to five feet above the roadway, and shall be maintained at all
46 times in a clean and reflective condition.

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

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

49 **SECTION 3.**

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

52 "40-8-35.

53 (a) Any low-speed vehicle operated on the highways of this state without a properly
54 affixed emblem conforming to the requirements of Code Section 40-8-4 shall display an
55 amber strobe light so as to warn approaching travelers to decrease their speed because of
56 the danger of colliding with such vehicle. Such amber strobe light shall be mounted in a
57 manner so as to be visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet
58 from the front and rear of such vehicle.

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

61 **SECTION 4.**

62 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021, and Section 1 of this Act shall be applicable
63 to vehicle registrations occurring on or after July 1, 2021.

64 **SECTION 5.**

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