

House Bill 43 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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 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 or an expected driver of the vehicle has a physical,
30 mental, or neurological condition which impedes the applicant's ability to communicate
31 which shall be made available to a law enforcement officer making a vehicle tag
32 inquiry with the records of the department or criminal justice information system in the
33 course of conducting official law enforcement business.
34 (3) Any applicant electing to submit information for subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2)
35 of this subsection shall submit an affidavit which attests to the following information:
36 (A) A description of the condition or diagnosis which impedes the ability to
37 communicate, including whether such impediment is temporary, intermittent, or
38 triggered by certain events; and
39 (B) Whether such condition exists for the applicant or an expected driver of the
40 vehicle, including the name of the expected driver if other than the applicant."

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SECTION 3.

42 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.