

House Bill 706

By: Representative Powell of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to
3 provide for a special license plate for amateur radio station license holders; to provide for
4 qualifications; to provide for design of such plate; to provide for conforming changes; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by
10 revising Code Section 40-2-75, designated as reserved, as follows:

11 "40-2-75.

12 (a) Motor vehicle owners who are residents of this state and who hold an unrevoked and
13 unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications
14 Commission, when accompanied by proof of such license and upon full compliance with
15 state motor vehicle laws in relation to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, shall be
16 issued upon application a special design license plate for a passenger car. Upon such

17 license plate, which shall be free of charge, shall be inscribed the official amateur radio call
18 letters of such applicant as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. Each
19 licensed amateur radio operator shall be entitled to no more than one such free license plate
20 at a time. Such plates shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code
21 Section 40-2-80.

22 (b) The commissioner shall design the license plate authorized by this Code section and
23 may consult with the Georgia Section of the Amateur Radio Relay League and their
24 licensed amateur radio operators residing in this state for such purposes. The
25 commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes
26 of this Code section.

27 (c) No person who receives compensation in any form for his or her services in making
28 amateur radio communication available to the public or to individuals, firms, corporations,
29 or organizations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 97 shall be eligible for a license plate issued
30 pursuant to this Code section. Reserved."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to special license plates
33 promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and
34 qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, by revising
35 paragraph (6) of subsection (1) as follows:

36 ~~"(6) Reserved. A special license plate identifying residents of the State of Georgia who~~
37 ~~hold an unrevoked and unexpired official amateur radio station license issued by the~~
38 ~~Federal Communications Commission. The special license plate shall be inscribed with~~
39 ~~the official amateur radio call letters of such applicant as assigned by the Federal~~
40 ~~Communications Commission. The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be~~
41 ~~deposited in the general fund."~~

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SECTION 3.

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