



22 "(33.1)(A) 'Multipurpose off-highway vehicle' means any self-propelled, motorized  
 23 vehicle having features that:

24 (i) Has features specifically intended for utility use and having the following  
 25 characteristics;

26 (ii) Was originally manufactured to be primarily used off-highway;

27 ~~(A)~~(iii) Has the capability to transport persons or cargo or both;

28 ~~(B)~~(iv) Operates between 25 miles per hour (40.2 40 kilometers per hour) and 65  
 29 miles per hour (104.6 105 kilometers per hour);

30 ~~(C)~~(v) Has an overall width of 80 inches (2,030 millimeters) (203 centimeters) or  
 31 less, exclusive of accessories or attachments;

32 ~~(D)~~(vi) Is designed to travel on four or more wheels;

33 ~~(E)~~(vii) Uses a steering wheel for steering control;

34 ~~(F)~~(viii) Contains a nonstraddle seat;

35 ~~(G)~~(ix) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,000 pounds (1,814  
 36 kilograms); and

37 ~~(H)~~(x) Has a minimum cargo capacity of 350 pounds (159 kilograms).

38 (B) Such term shall not include any all-terrain vehicle, low-speed vehicle, passenger  
 39 car, or personal transportation vehicle."

40 "(55.1) 'Self-propelled crane' means special mobile equipment manufactured to lift and  
 41 transport loads suspended from a hook or other type of holding mechanism that is  
 42 equipped with rubber tires in compliance with Code Section 40-8-74."

43 "(59) 'Special mobile equipment' means every vehicle not designed or used primarily for  
 44 the transportation of persons or property and only incidentally operated or moved over  
 45 a highway, including but not limited to: ditch-digging apparatus, well-boring apparatus,  
 46 and road construction and maintenance machinery such as asphalt spreaders, bituminous  
 47 mixers, bucket loaders, tractors other than truck tractors, ditchers, leveling graders,  
 48 finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earth-moving carryalls and

49 scrapers, power shovels and drag lines, and ~~self-propelled cranes~~ and earth-moving  
 50 equipment. The term does not include house trailers, dump trucks, truck mounted transit  
 51 mixers, cranes or shovels, or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or  
 52 property to which machinery has been attached."

53 **SECTION 2.**

54 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-27, relating to registration of motor  
 55 vehicles not manufactured to comply with federal emission and safety standards, certificate  
 56 of registration for an assembled motor vehicle or motorcycle or a converted motor vehicle,  
 57 and former military motor vehicles, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

58 "(e) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to applications  
 59 for certificates of registration for ~~former~~;

60 (1) Former military motor vehicles that are less than 25 years old and manufactured for  
 61 the United States military ~~or multipurpose~~;

62 (2) Multipurpose off-highway vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2000; or

63 (3) Self-propelled cranes."

64 **SECTION 3.**

65 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for  
 66 operation of vehicles, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

67 "(3)(A) For each private commercial motor vehicle and self-propelled crane  
 68 in accordance with the owner declared gross vehicle weight rating, as follows:

69	(i) Less than 18,001 lbs. . . . .	25
70	(ii) 18,001 to 26,000 lbs. . . . .	38
71	(iii) 26,001 to 30,000 lbs. . . . .	45
72	(iv) 30,001 to 36,000 lbs. . . . .	70
73	(v) 36,001 to 44,000 lbs. . . . .	115

74 (vi) 44,001 to 54,999 lbs. . . . . 190  
 75 (vii) 55,000 to 63,280 lbs. . . . . 300  
 76 (viii) 63,281 lbs. to maximum permitted . . . . . 400

- 77 (B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph notwithstanding:  
 78 (i) A straight truck which is not a truck-tractor shall not be classified higher  
 79 than \$75.00;  
 80 (ii) A straight truck hauling fertilizer or agricultural products shall not be  
 81 classified higher than \$31.00; and  
 82 (iii) A truck-tractor hauling fertilizer, milk, or crops as defined in  
 83 paragraph (7.1) of Code Section 1-3-3 shall not be classified higher than  
 84 \$220.00;"

85 **SECTION 4.**

86 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-4, relating to exclusions from issuance of  
87 certificate of title, by revising paragraph (7) as follows:

88 "(7) Special mobile equipment other than self-propelled cranes;"

89 **SECTION 5.**

90 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-30, relating to requirement of compliance  
91 with federal safety standards, by revising subsections (c) and (d) as follows:

92 "(c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to applications  
93 for certificates of title for ~~former~~;

94 (1) Former military motor vehicles that are less than 25 years old and manufactured for  
95 the United States military.;

96 ~~(d)(2) Converted~~ The provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply  
97 to applications for certificates of title for converted motor vehicles as such term is defined  
98 in Code Section 40-3-30.1; or

99 (3) Self-propelled cranes."

100 **SECTION 6.**

101 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-30.1, relating to standards for issuance to  
102 assembled motor vehicle and motorcycle or converted motor vehicle and inspections, by  
103 revising subparagraph (a)(3)(B) as follows:

104 "(B) Such term shall not include former military motor vehicles or self-propelled  
105 cranes."

106 **SECTION 7.**

107 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-23, relating to classes of drivers' licenses,  
108 by revising subsections (c) and (d) as follows:

109 "(c) The noncommercial classes of motor vehicles for which operators may be licensed  
110 shall be as follows:

111 (1) Class C ==:

112 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000  
113 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in  
114 excess of 10,000 pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle  
115 weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided that ~~the~~ any combination of vehicles  
116 set forth in this subparagraph has a gross combined vehicle weight rating not in excess  
117 of 26,000 pounds; ~~any;~~

118 (B) Any three-wheeled motor vehicle that is equipped with a steering wheel for  
119 directional control; ~~and any;~~ and

120 (C) Any self-propelled or towed vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living  
121 quarters for recreational, camping, or travel purposes and is used solely as a family or  
122 personal conveyance; ~~except that any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle~~  
123 weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds may be operated under such class of

124 ~~license if such combination of vehicles are controlled and operated by a farmer, used~~  
 125 ~~to transport agricultural products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or~~  
 126 ~~from a farm, and are not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier~~  
 127 regardless of the gross vehicle weight rating or combined gross vehicle weight rating;

128 (2) Class D ==: Provisional license applicable to noncommercial Class C vehicles for  
 129 which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive;

130 (3) Class E ==: Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001  
 131 pounds or more, provided that the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles  
 132 being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, ~~and all vehicles included within Class F and~~  
 133 ~~Class C~~ and the vehicle or vehicles are operated by a farmer to transport agricultural  
 134 products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm and are not used  
 135 in the operations of a common or contract carrier;

136 (4) Class F ==: Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds  
 137 or more; or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in  
 138 excess of 10,000 pounds, ~~and all vehicles included within Class C;~~

139 (5) Class M ==: Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and three-wheeled motorcycles  
 140 equipped with handlebars for directional control; and

141 (6) Class P ==: Instruction permit applicable to all types of vehicles for which an  
 142 applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive.

143 (d) Any applicant for a Class E or Class F license ~~must~~ shall possess a valid Georgia  
 144 driver's license for Class C vehicles. A license issued pursuant to this Code section shall  
 145 not be a commercial driver's license."

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### SECTION 8.

147 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-6-76, relating to funeral  
 148 processions, as follows:

149 "40-6-76.

150 (a) As used in this Code section, a the term 'funeral procession' means an array of motor  
151 vehicles in which the lead vehicle displays a sign, pennant, flag, or other insignia furnished  
152 by a funeral home indicating a funeral procession unless led by a state or local law  
153 enforcement vehicle and each vehicle participating in the funeral procession is operating  
154 its headlights.

155 (b) Funeral processions shall have the right of way at intersections subject to the following  
156 conditions and exceptions:

157 (1) Operators of vehicles in a funeral procession shall yield the right of way upon the  
158 approach of an authorized emergency vehicle or law enforcement vehicle giving an  
159 audible and visual signal; and

160 (2) Operators of vehicles in a funeral procession shall yield the right of way when  
161 directed to do so by a traffic officer.

162 (c) Funeral processions in which both the lead and rear vehicles display flashing hazard  
163 lights or which are escorted by the police, a sheriff, or a sheriff's deputy shall have the right  
164 of way in any ~~street or~~ highway through which they may pass, and, upon any two-lane  
165 highway, the operator of every vehicle not participating in such funeral procession shall  
166 yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as  
167 possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall  
168 stop and remain in such position until the funeral procession has passed, except when  
169 otherwise directed by a traffic officer. Local governments may, by ordinance, provide for  
170 such law enforcement escort service and provide for the imposition of reasonable fees to  
171 defray the cost of such service.

172 (d) The operator of a vehicle not in a funeral procession shall not interrupt a funeral  
173 procession except when authorized to do so by a traffic officer or when such vehicle is an  
174 authorized emergency vehicle or law enforcement vehicle giving an audible and visual  
175 signal.

176 (e) Operators of vehicles not a part of a funeral procession shall not join a funeral  
177 procession by operating their headlights for the purpose of securing the right of way  
178 granted by this Code section to funeral processions.

179 (f) The operator of a vehicle not in a funeral procession shall not attempt to pass vehicles  
180 in a funeral procession on a two-lane highway.

181 (g) Any person violating ~~subsection (d), (e), or (f)~~ of this Code section shall be guilty of  
182 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed  
183 \$100.00.

184 (h) Any law enforcement officer who is directing or escorting a funeral procession in this  
185 state, whether such service is provided while on duty or not, shall enjoy the same  
186 immunities from liability as the officer possesses while in the performance of other official  
187 duties."

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## SECTION 9.

189 Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad  
190 valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, is amended by adding a new part to  
191 read as follows:

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### "Part 8

193 48-5-504.50.

194 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'multipurpose off-highway vehicle' shall have  
195 the same meaning as provided in Code Section 40-1-1.

196 (b) As authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Constitution  
197 of Georgia, multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall constitute a separate classification of  
198 self-propelled vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes.

199 (c) On and after January 1, 2025, no multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall be returned  
200 for or subject to ad valorem taxation. The procedures prescribed in this chapter for  
201 returning tangible personal property for ad valorem taxation and collecting the ad valorem  
202 taxes imposed on tangible personal property shall not apply to any multipurpose  
203 off-highway vehicle."

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**SECTION 10.**

205 (a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Section, this Act shall become effective  
206 upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

207 (b) Section 9 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and shall be applicable  
208 to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

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**SECTION 11.**

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