

House Bill 239

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and  
2 traffic, so as to require the placement of a special identifying sticker on the windshields of  
3 alternative fueled vehicles; to provide for the design and distribution of such stickers by the  
4 Department of Revenue; to provide for the designation of a vehicle as an alternative fueled  
5 vehicle on a motor vehicle registration application; to provide for a penalty; to provide for  
6 exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings and purpose; to  
7 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
8 for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 The General Assembly recognizes that the number of alternative fueled vehicles operating  
12 on Georgia's highways continues to grow. Alternative fueled vehicles pose a unique  
13 challenge to first responders, as different types of fuel can require specific safety procedures  
14 in instances of an accident. Many alternative fueled vehicles are indistinguishable from  
15 traditional gasoline powered vehicles. Requiring a special sticker to identify a vehicle as an  
16 alternative vehicle and what type of fuel is used would assist first responders in quickly

17 determining the appropriate response measures to be taken after an accident. Such stickers  
18 are necessary for the safety of first responders and the general public.

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
21 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

22 "40-1-10.

23 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

24 (1) 'Alternative fueled vehicle' means a motor vehicle with a gross weight of 10,000  
25 pounds or less fueled exclusively or partially by electricity, natural gas, hydrogen, or  
26 propane.

27 (2) 'Alternative fueled vehicle sticker' means a sticker approved and provided by the  
28 department designating a motor vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle.

29 (3) 'Department' means the Department of Revenue.

30 (b) Upon approval of an application for the initial registration or renewal registration of  
31 a motor vehicle that is an alternative fueled vehicle and payment of a fee of \$3.00, the  
32 department shall provide the owner with two alternative fueled vehicle stickers.  
33 Alternative fueled vehicle stickers shall be of a design and material approved by the  
34 department, provided that a separate design shall be used for each type of alternative fuel  
35 and such stickers shall be of a size suitable for placement in the bottom corner of a  
36 windshield with minimal obstruction of view for an operator. The department shall take  
37 into consideration design standards set by the Society of Automotive Engineers in  
38 designing alternative fueled vehicle stickers.

39 (c) Any person who owns an alternative fueled vehicle registered in this state shall affix  
40 alternative fueled vehicle stickers to the bottom corner of the driver's side of the front and  
41 rear windshield.

42 (d)(1) Except as otherwise provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who  
43 fails to identify an alternative fueled vehicle as required in subsection (c) of this Code  
44 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished  
45 by a fine not exceeding \$100.00.

46 (2) The requirement set forth in subsection (c) of this Code section shall not apply:

47 (A) Within the first 45 days of any initial purchase of an alternative fueled vehicle; or

48 (B) Until an owner's registration period expires for an alternative fueled vehicle that  
49 was registered in this state prior to January 1, 2026."

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### SECTION 3.

51 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-26, relating to form and contents of  
52 application for registration, heavy vehicle tax, and satisfactory proof of insurance coverage,  
53 by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

54 "(b)(1) Application shall be made by the owner of the vehicle upon a form prepared by  
55 the commissioner for such purposes setting forth the name, place of residence, and  
56 address of the applicant; a brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including its  
57 name and model, the name of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's vehicle identification  
58 number, and its shipping weight and carrying capacity, and whether it is an alternative  
59 fueled vehicle as such term is defined in Code Section 40-1-10; from whom, where, and  
60 when the vehicle was purchased; the total amount of all liens, if any, thereon, with the  
61 name and address of the lienholder; and such other information as the commissioner may  
62 require. Such application shall include a method for indicating whether the application  
63 is for a digital license plate issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter."

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### SECTION 4.

65 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

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**SECTION 5.**

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