

House Bill 208 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit
3 corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit
4 corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to
5 establish a specialty license plate benefiting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; to
6 establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the
7 Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting
8 conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for related matters; to
9 provide for effective dates; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to
10 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license
14 plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with
15 proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, is
16 amended in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

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17 "(71) A special license plate honoring the Shepherd Center. The funds raised by the sale
18 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Shepherd Center, Inc."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said Code section is further amended in subsections (l), (m), and (n) by adding new
21 paragraphs to read as follows:

22 "(72) A special license plate honoring Georgia veterans and their families. The funds
23 raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Veterans
24 Service Foundation."

25 "(18) A special license plate to support the state parks and historic sites division of the
26 Department of Natural Resources in its protection, management, and maintenance of this
27 state's natural, historical, and cultural resources while providing opportunities for public
28 enjoyment and education. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall
29 be disbursed to the Department of Natural Resources for use by the state parks and
30 historic sites division for the purposes provided for in this paragraph. Such license plate
31 shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend
32 'Georgia State Parks' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

33 "(10) A special license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass
34 populations. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed
35 to the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation to supplement black bass research,
36 restoration, habitat improvement, stocking, and other management programs."

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 (a) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become
39 effective on July 1, 2025.

40 (b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

41 **SECTION 4.**

42 In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the
43 Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the
44 requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

45 **SECTION 5.**

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