

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to SB 293:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued  
3 to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates  
8 for certain veterans, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(b)(1) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are veterans or women veterans, who have  
10 received a military medal award, or who served during active military combat shall be  
11 eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars,  
12 motorcycles, trucks, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such  
13 license plates shall be issued in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to  
14 registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

15 (2)(A) Motor vehicle and trailer owners who are veterans or women veterans, who  
16 have received a military medal award, or who served during active military combat

17 shall be issued upon application for and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle  
18 laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles a veteran's license plate, a  
19 woman veteran's license plate, a military medal award recipient license plate, or a  
20 commemorative service license plate for service during active military combat. Two  
21 such license plates ~~One such license plate~~ shall be issued without payment of the  
22 requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee.

23 (B) Each member or former member of the armed forces of the United States listed in  
24 this subsection shall be entitled to no more than ~~one such free license plate at a time;~~  
25 ~~provided, however, that, upon payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00, a member~~  
26 ~~shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate~~  
27 ~~for which a \$25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be an additional annual~~  
28 ~~registration fee of \$25.00, and such fee shall be collected by the county tag agent at the~~  
29 ~~time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided~~  
30 ~~in Code Section 40-2-34~~ two license plates issued pursuant to this subsection at a time  
31 without payment of the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual  
32 registration fee."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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

35 **SECTION 3.**

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