

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 174:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the
3 proper display of license plates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, is amended by revising Code Section
9 40-2-41, relating to display of license plates, as follows:

10 "40-2-41.

11 Unless otherwise permitted under this chapter, every vehicle required to be registered under
12 this chapter, which is in use upon the highways, shall at all times display the license plate
13 issued to the owner for such vehicle, and the plate shall be fastened to the rear of the
14 vehicle in a position so as not to swing ~~and shall be at all times plainly visible.~~ Such
15 license plate shall not be obstructed in any way that prevents the alphanumeric designation
16 and revalidation decal from being readily identifiable. No person shall display on the rear
17 of a motor vehicle any temporary or permanent plate or tag not issued by the State of
18 Georgia which is intended to resemble a license plate which is issued by the State of
19 Georgia. The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules and regulations so as to permit the
20 display of a license plate on the front of certain vehicles. ~~It shall be the duty of the operator~~
21 ~~of any vehicle to keep the license plate legible at all times. No license plate shall be~~
22 ~~covered with any material unless the material is colorless and transparent. No apparatus~~
23 ~~that obstructs or hinders the clear display and legibility of a license plate shall be attached~~
24 ~~to the rear of any motor vehicle required to be registered in the state. Any person who~~
25 violates any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.