

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 179:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to prestige license plates and special license plates for certain persons and vehicles,  
3 so as to provide for a special license plate for county tax commissioners; to revise standards  
4 for issuance of a specialty license plate commemorating a college or university; to establish  
5 a specialty license plate honoring Support Our Troops, Inc.; to amend the logo design for  
6 special license plates issued to support breast cancer related programs; to establish a specialty  
7 license plate supporting the fight against cancer with a share of the proceeds to be disbursed  
8 to the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education, Inc.; to provide for related  
9 matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting  
10 laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
14 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by  
15 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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16 "40-2-63.2.  
17 The commissioner shall mail to the local tag agents special and distinctive license plates  
18 for the elected tax commissioners in the counties of this state on or before the owner's  
19 registration period of each tax commissioner. Such special and distinctive license plates  
20 shall be issued only upon proper applications made to the local tag agent and payment of  
21 a \$25.00 manufacturing fee. Special tax commissioners' license plates issued pursuant to  
22 this Code section shall be renewed annually, and revalidation decals shall be issued upon  
23 compliance with the laws relating to registration and licensing and upon payment of an  
24 additional registration fee of \$25.00 which shall be collected by the county tag agent at the  
25 time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided  
26 in Code Section 40-2-34. Only one special and distinctive license plate shall be issued to  
27 each elected tax commissioner; provided, however, that a tax commissioner may choose  
28 to use his or her distinctive license plate either on the county vehicle assigned to such tax  
29 commissioner or on his or her personal vehicle. No person may use such license plate after  
30 his or her term as elected tax commissioner has ended."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates  
33 promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with  
34 proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by  
35 revising paragraph (8) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (l) and by revising  
36 paragraph (9) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (m) to read as follows:

37 "(8)(A) The commissioner in cooperation with a college or university may design a  
38 special license plate to be issued commemorating that college or university, which  
39 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents  
40 of the state except that the logo or emblem of the college or university shall be placed  
41 on the license plate along with the letters and numbers on the license plate. The name

42 of the college or university shall be imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the  
43 county name decal.

44 (B) Any college or university that enters into an agreement with the commissioner  
45 pursuant to this paragraph shall waive any royalty fees to which it might otherwise be  
46 entitled for use of its seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype as provided in this paragraph.

47 (C) Each college or university ~~located in Georgia~~ that enters into an agreement with  
48 the commissioner pursuant to this paragraph shall designate a charitable foundation  
49 which shall annually receive an allocation from the special license plate and special  
50 license plate renewal fees collected as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection.  
51 Special license plates issued under this paragraph shall be transferred between vehicles  
52 as provided in Code Section 40-2-42.

53 (D) The funds allocated for colleges and universities located in Georgia shall be  
54 delivered by the department to the charitable foundation designated by the particular  
55 college or university to support needs based, academic, financial aid scholarships for  
56 eligible undergraduate students enrolled in the college or university. The funds  
57 ~~otherwise~~ allocated for colleges and universities located outside the State of Georgia  
58 shall be ~~placed into the general fund~~ delivered by the department to the charitable  
59 foundation designated by the particular college or university to support needs based,  
60 academic, and financial aid scholarships for eligible undergraduate students from  
61 Georgia enrolled in the college or university.

62 (E) Each college or university shall review and approve plans for the implementation  
63 of these scholarship programs by the applicable charitable foundation. These plans  
64 shall include, but need not be limited to, criteria for the awarding of the scholarships  
65 and procedures for determining the recipients."

66 "(66) A special license plate to support members of the United States armed forces. The  
67 funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Support Our  
68 Troops, Inc."

69 "(9) A special license plate to support breast cancer related programs for the medically  
70 indigent. The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection notwithstanding, from the  
71 additional \$35.00 special license plate fee or special license plate renewal fee charged for  
72 the issuance and renewal of breast cancer license plates authorized under this paragraph,  
73 \$12.95 shall be deposited in the general fund and \$22.05 shall be deposited in the  
74 Indigent Care Trust Fund created by Code Section 31-8-152 to fund cancer screening and  
75 treatment related to programs for those persons who are medically indigent and may have  
76 breast cancer. To the extent consistent with Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(i) of  
77 the Constitution and Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 31, such programs may include  
78 education, breast cancer screening, grants-in-aid to breast cancer victims, pharmacy  
79 assistance programs for breast cancer victims, and other projects to encourage public  
80 support for the special license plate and the activities which it funds. ~~Such design~~ Any  
81 such special license plate issued for the first time on or before June 30, 2021, shall  
82 include a logo the same as the United States postal stamp supporting breast cancer  
83 research and bearing the slogan 'Fund the Fight. Find A Cure.' over the sketch of a  
84 woman and the breast cancer awareness pink ribbon symbol. Any special license plate  
85 featuring such postal stamp design may be renewed after June 30, 2021, as otherwise  
86 provided for by this chapter. On and after July 1, 2021, any special license plate issued  
87 for the first time pursuant to this paragraph shall include the pink ribbon symbol which  
88 designates the fight against breast cancer and such other design as may be approved by  
89 the commissioner without the slogan 'Fund the Fight. Find a Cure.'"

90 "(17) A special license plate to support the fight against cancer. The funds raised by the  
91 sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Center for Oncology  
92 Research and Education, Inc."

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**SECTION 3.**

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

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**SECTION 4.**

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