

## Senate Bill 43

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Fort of the 39th, Butler of the 55th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 uniform rules of the road, so as to revise the criminal penalty for operating a vehicle without  
3 adequately securing load; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules  
8 of the road, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-254, relating to operating vehicle  
9 without adequately securing load, as follows:

10 "40-6-254.

11 No person shall operate any motor vehicle with a load on or in such vehicle unless the load  
12 on or in such vehicle is adequately secured to prevent the dropping or shifting of such load  
13 onto the roadway in such a manner as to create a safety hazard. For purposes of this Code  
14 section, a load shall include, but not be limited to, a trailer required to be registered under  
15 Chapter 2 of this title. Any person who operates a vehicle in violation of this Code section  
16 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.