

## Senate Bill 48

By: Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Harbin of the 16th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Ginn of the 47th and others

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 plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to  
3 provide for two types of special and distinctive license plates for disabled veterans; to  
4 authorize parking in specially designated parking areas upon display of certain special and  
5 distinctive license plates for disabled veterans; to provide for related matters; to provide for  
6 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended in Code  
11 Section 40-2-71, relating to design of disabled veteran plates and restrictions on issuance and  
12 transfer, by revising subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 ~~"(a) The commissioner is directed to furnish the license plates provided for in Code~~  
14 ~~Sections 40-2-69 and 40-2-70. Such plates shall be printed in three colors: red, white, and~~  
15 ~~blue. The commissioner is authorized and directed to design the license plate. Each plate~~  
16 ~~shall contain, in bold characters, the name of the state, or abbreviation thereof, the year, the~~

17 ~~serial number, either the words 'Disabled Veteran' or 'Disabled Vet,' and an image of the~~  
18 ~~International Symbol of Access which is at least one inch in height and is white on a blue~~  
19 ~~background. The commissioner shall design special and distinctive license plates for~~  
20 ~~qualified disabled veterans pursuant to Code Sections 40-2-69 and 40-2-70. Such license~~  
21 ~~plates shall include the requirements prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter, include an~~  
22 ~~inscription of the words 'Disabled Veteran' or 'Disabled Vet,' and be printed in three colors:~~  
23 ~~red, white, and blue.~~

24 (a.1) The commissioner shall design an additional special and distinctive license plate for  
25 qualified disabled veterans pursuant to Code Sections 40-2-69 and 40-2-70 that, in addition  
26 to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section, shall include an image  
27 of the International Symbol of Access which is at least one inch in height and is white on  
28 a blue background."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-2-74.1, relating to temporary, permanent,  
31 and special permanent parking permits for persons with disabilities, by revising subsection  
32 (d) as follows:

33 "(d) Any individual to whom a specially designated disabled veteran's license plate has  
34 been issued pursuant to ~~Code Sections 40-2-69 through 40-2-72~~ subsection (a.1) of Code  
35 Section 40-2-71 and any individual to whom a specially designated disabled person's  
36 license plate has been issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-74 shall be authorized to park  
37 the passenger motor vehicle on which the specially designated license plate is attached in  
38 a parking place for persons with disabilities without the necessity of obtaining a parking  
39 permit for persons with disabilities pursuant to this Code section."

40 **SECTION 3.**

41 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
42 without such approval.

43 **SECTION 4.**

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