

Senate Bill 492

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Davenport of the 44th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, so as to require training of law  
3 enforcement officers of the Motor Carrier Compliance Enforcement Section in the detection,  
4 recognition, and prevention of the trafficking of persons; to require the employment of  
5 technology within the Motor Carrier Compliance Enforcement Section that can detect the  
6 presence of individuals in areas of motor vehicles designed to carry cargo; to provide for  
7 conditions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
8 laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Against Human Cargo Act."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
14 Motor Carrier Compliance Division, is amended in Code Section 35-2-101, relating to  
15 jurisdiction, duties and powers, and use of dogs to detect controlled substances, by adding  
16 a new subsection to read as follows:

17 "(e) To mitigate the use of motor vehicles in the trafficking of persons for labor or sexual  
18 servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46, the commissioner shall:

19 (1) Provide law enforcement officers of the Motor Carrier Compliance Enforcement  
20 Section with training in the detection, recognition, and prevention of the trafficking of  
21 persons; and

22 (2) Upon appropriations specifically designated for such purposes and pursuant to use  
23 within the law, employ technology within the Motor Carrier Compliance Enforcement  
24 Section for the detection of the presence of individuals within areas of motor vehicles  
25 designed to carry cargo."

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**SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.