

Senate Bill 513

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Lucas of the 26th, Halpern of the 39th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to remove a fee for the operation of  
3 alternative fueled vehicles and make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to  
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and  
8 licensing of motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration and  
9 licensing of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and issuance of manufacturer,  
10 manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer plates, by revising paragraph (5) of  
11 subsection (a) as follows:

12 "(5) The commissioner shall include a distinctive logo or emblem for any manufacturer's,  
13 distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate to be attached to an alternative  
14 fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code  
15 Section 40-2-86.1. ~~Alternative fuel vehicles bearing a special license plate pursuant to~~  
16 ~~this subsection shall be subject to the alternative fuel vehicle fees as set forth in~~

paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151 at the time of initial issuance and annually thereafter in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Display of a special license plate issued pursuant to this paragraph shall authorize travel by such alternative fueled vehicle in lanes for exclusive or preferential use designated pursuant to Code Section 32-9-4."

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, by revising paragraph (7) of subsection (l) as follows:

"(7)(A) A special license plate to be issued for alternative fueled vehicles, which license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents of this state except that the commissioner shall place a distinctive logo or emblem on the license plate which shall distinguish the vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle eligible to travel in travel lanes designated for such vehicles under paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 32-9-4. The words 'alternative fueled vehicle' shall be imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the county name decal. The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Alternative fuel' means electricity, natural gas, and propane.

(ii) 'Alternative fueled vehicle' means any vehicle fueled solely by alternative fuel as defined in division (i) of this subparagraph, bi-fuel, or dual fuel.

~~(C) Pursuant to paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151, the applicant for a special license plate for any alternative fueled vehicle shall provide proof that he or she has paid the registration fee prescribed therein prior to the issuance of any special license plate under this paragraph."~~

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, by repealing paragraph (19) of subsection (a) in its entirety.

**SECTION 4.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151.2, relating to Transportation Trust Fund established, funding, and accounting, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Under the authority granted and subject to the conditions imposed by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(r) of the Constitution of Georgia, for the period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2032, all of the money collected pursuant to ~~paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151~~, Code Section 40-2-151.1; and subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-50.3 shall be annually appropriated to the Transportation Trust Fund established by this Code section and such funds shall not lapse as otherwise required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) of the Constitution of Georgia. Each annual appropriation shall be made through the General Appropriations Act and shall include all of the money collected from such sources during the most recently completed fiscal year."

**SECTION 5.**

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