

Senate Bill 57

By: Senators James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to handicapped persons, so as to provide that any motorized
3 wheelchair or scooter operated on public ways and sidewalks shall be equipped with
4 reflectors; to provide that any such wheelchairs and scooters sold in this state shall be
5 equipped with reflectors; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions relative to handicapped persons, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "30-1-7.

12 (a) Every motorized wheelchair and scooter which is operated on the sidewalks and public
13 ways of this state shall be equipped with reflectors of a type approved by the Department
14 of Public Safety for bicycles. The reflector shall be so designed and situated as to be
15 visible from the front and rear of the wheelchair or scooter during darkness from a distance
16 of 200 feet.

17 (b) Every motorized wheelchair and scooter sold in this state after December 31, 2015,
18 shall be equipped with reflectors which comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
19 Code section."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.