

Senate Bill 576

By: Senators Bearden of the 30th and Albers of the 56th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, so as
3 to require the display of a second license plate upon the front of a motor vehicle operated by
4 a ride share driver; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, is amended by
10 revising Code Section 40-1-195, relating to inclusion of license number issued by department
11 in advertising and requirements for signage or emblem approved by Department of Public
12 Safety, as follows:

13 "40-1-195.

14 (a) Each taxi service, transportation referral service, transportation referral service
15 provider, and ride share network service doing business, operating, or providing
16 transportation services in this state shall include its license number issued by the
17 department in any advertising in this state; provided, however, that this Code section shall

18 not apply to ~~Internet~~ internet advertisements. Limousine carriers which register as
19 transportation referral service providers under this part shall be subject to the advertising
20 requirements of this Code section and not the provisions of Code Section 40-1-165. Failure
21 to provide such license number shall result in the imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed
22 \$5,000.00 for each violation.

23 (b)(1) Each ride share driver shall display a consistent and distinctive signage or emblem
24 that is approved by the Department of Public Safety on such ride share driver's vehicle
25 at all times while the ride share driver is active on the ride share network service's digital
26 network. The signage or emblem shall be:

27 ~~(1)(A)~~ Sufficiently large and color contrasted to be readable during daylight hours from
28 a distance of at least 50 feet;

29 ~~(2)(B)~~ Reflective, illuminated, or otherwise visible in darkness; and

30 ~~(3)(C)~~ Sufficient to identify a vehicle as being associated with the ride share network
31 service with which the ride share driver is affiliated.

32 (2) Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

33 (c)(1) Every motor vehicle registered pursuant to Chapter 2 of this title which is operated
34 by a ride share driver upon the highways of this state shall display a license plate on the
35 front of the vehicle. Such license plate shall be identical in appearance to the license
36 plate fastened to the rear of such vehicle; provided, however, that a revalidation decal
37 shall not be required for a license plate fastened to the front of the vehicle. A ride share
38 driver shall be issued a second license plate for purposes of this subsection upon
39 application to a local tag agent for a second license plate and upon payment of a \$10.00
40 secondary license plate fee.

41 (2) Any ride share driver who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

42 SECTION 2.

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