

House Bill 1119

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection,  
3 so as to provide for standards for the alteration and operation of motor vehicles with  
4 modified suspension systems; to revise definitions; to prohibit the operation of a motor  
5 vehicle with broken suspension system springs; to provide for applicability; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to general provisions relative to motor vehicle equipment and inspection, is amended  
11 by revising Code Sections 40-8-6 and 40-8-6.1, relating to alteration of suspension system  
12 and operation of vehicle with broken springs and raised chassis vehicles, respectively, as  
13 follows:

14 "40-8-6.

15 ~~(a) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any private passenger motor~~  
16 ~~vehicle which may be operated on any public street or highway more than two inches~~  
17 ~~above or below the factory recommendation for any such vehicle.~~

18 ~~(b) It shall be unlawful to operate any private passenger motor vehicle upon any highway,~~  
19 ~~roadway, or street if the suspension system of such vehicle has been altered more than two~~  
20 ~~inches above or below the factory recommendation for such vehicle.~~

21 ~~(c) It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle upon any highway, roadway, or street~~  
22 ~~if the springs relative to the suspension system are broken.~~

23 ~~(d) Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

24 ~~40-8-6.1.~~

25 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

26 (1) 'Frame' means the main longitudinal structural members of the chassis of a ~~truck~~  
27 motor vehicle.

28 (2) 'Frame height' means the vertical distance between a level surface and the lowest  
29 point on the frame of a ~~truck~~ motor vehicle, measured when the ~~truck~~ vehicle is upon  
30 such level surface without a load.

31 (3) 'Gross vehicle weight rating' means the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating  
32 whether or not the vehicle is modified by use of parts not originally installed by the  
33 manufacturer.

34 (b) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle with a  
35 gross vehicle weight rating of 4,500 pounds or less, which may be operated on any ~~public~~  
36 ~~street~~ or highway, so as to exceed 27 inches as measured from the surface of the street to  
37 the lowest point on the frame of the ~~truck~~ vehicle.

38 (c) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle with a  
39 gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 4,501 pounds and not more than 7,500 pounds,

40 which may be operated on any ~~public street or~~ highway, so as to exceed 30 inches as  
41 measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the ~~truck~~  
42 vehicle.

43 (d) It shall be unlawful to alter the suspension system of any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle with a  
44 gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 7,501 pounds and not more than 14,000 pounds,  
45 which may be operated on any ~~public street or~~ highway, so as to exceed 31 inches as  
46 measured from the surface of the street to the lowest point on the frame of the ~~truck~~  
47 vehicle.

48 (e) It shall be unlawful to operate any ~~truck~~ motor vehicle upon any highway, ~~roadway,~~  
49 ~~or street~~ if the springs relative to the suspension system are broken or the suspension  
50 system has been altered in excess of the limitations provided for in this Code section.

51 (f) This Code section shall not apply to any motor vehicle with an electronic stability  
52 control system which complies with standard number 126 of 49 C.F.R. 571.126 in effect  
53 on January 1, 2024.

54 (g) Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

55 **SECTION 2.**

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