

The House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 123:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-254 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 operation of a vehicle without adequately securing a load, so as to provide that the provisions
3 relating to loads shall include certain trailers; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-6-254 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of
8 a vehicle without adequately securing a load, is amended as follows:

9 "40-6-254.

10 No person shall operate any motor vehicle with a load on or in such vehicle unless the load
11 on or in such vehicle is adequately secured to prevent the dropping or shifting of such load
12 onto the roadway in such a manner as to create a safety hazard. For purposes of this Code
13 section, a load shall include, but not be limited to, a trailer required to be registered under
14 Chapter 2 of this title. Any person who operates a vehicle in violation of this Code section
15 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.