

House Bill 1289

By: Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Anderson of the 10th, and Jasperse of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to driving on right side of roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too
3 closely, so as to prohibit the operation of certain vehicles on certain highways that qualify
4 as dangerous; to provide for a definition; to require the installation by the Department of
5 Transportation of official traffic-control devices at the entrance and upon such highways; to
6 provide for violation and punishment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 driving on right side of roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely, is
12 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "40-6-53.1.

14 (a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'dangerous highway' means the portion of
15 a highway designated by the Department of Transportation as a scenic highway that spans
16 more than one county and that has upon it installed by such department fixed gates in order

17 to prohibit the entrance and operation of motor vehicles upon the highway during
18 hazardous weather conditions.

19 (b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle equipped with more than six wheels on a
20 dangerous highway that has been properly marked pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code
21 section.

22 (c) The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain official traffic-control
23 devices upon and at the entrance of any dangerous highway giving notice of the prohibition
24 provided for by this Code section.

25 (d) Any person that violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
26 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$250.00."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.