

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 1303:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit  
3 corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit  
4 corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to  
5 provide for disposition of funds to the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate  
6 supporting the advocacy and promotion of strict interpretation of the United States  
7 Constitution with a portion of funds collected to be disbursed to the Foundation for Moral  
8 Law, Inc.; to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Okefenokee Swamp; to provide  
9 for the disposition of funds to the Okefenokee Swamp Park; to establish a specialty license  
10 plate honoring alumni of Samford University; to provide for disposition of funds to the  
11 Samford University Alumni Association; to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official  
12 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain  
13 worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers  
14 with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty  
15 license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide  
16 for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for  
17 the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for an

18 effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal  
19 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

21 **SECTION 1.**

22 Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license  
23 plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with  
24 proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, is  
25 amended in subsection (l) by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

26 "(71) A special license plate honoring the Shepherd Center. The funds raised by the sale  
27 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Shepherd Center, Inc.

28 (72) A special license plate supporting the advocacy and promotion of strict  
29 interpretation of the United States Constitution. The funds raised by the sale of this  
30 special license plate shall be disbursed to the Foundation for Moral Law, Inc.

31 (73) A special license plate honoring the Okefenokee Swamp and displaying the words  
32 'Explore the Okefenokee.' The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall  
33 be disbursed to the Okefenokee Swamp Park.

34 (74) A special license plate honoring alumni of Samford University. The funds raised  
35 by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Samford University  
36 Alumni Association."

37 **SECTION 2.**

38 Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license  
39 plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and  
40 qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, is amended  
41 in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

42 "(12) A special license plate displaying an image of the American flag, and the words  
43 'America First' to represent patriotism and a commitment to prioritize the interests of this  
44 nation above all else and to reinforce a sense of national pride and unity.  
45 Notwithstanding subsection (h) of this Code section, the department shall be authorized  
46 to issue such license plate prior to receipt of 1,000 prepaid applications; provided,  
47 however, that, if 1,000 applications have not been submitted prior to January 1, 2027, the  
48 department shall not continue to manufacture such plate. The funds raised by the sale of  
49 this special license plate shall be deposited in the general fund."

50 **SECTION 3.**

51 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

52 **SECTION 4.**

53 In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the  
54 Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the  
55 requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

56 **SECTION 5.**

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