

House Bill 261

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for annual reduction of licensing
3 fees for alternative fueled vehicles; to provide for a waiver of the fee for an alternative fueled
4 specialty license plate upon proof of payment of the required licensing fee; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and
9 licensing of motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-2-86.1, relating to license plates
10 promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to
11 qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, by revising
12 paragraph (7) of subsection (l) as follows:

13 "(7)(A) A special license plate to be issued for alternative fueled vehicles, which
14 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents
15 of this state except that the commissioner shall place a distinctive logo or emblem on
16 the license plate which shall distinguish the vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle

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17 eligible to travel in travel lanes designated for such vehicles under paragraph (4) of
18 subsection (a) of Code Section 32-9-4. The words 'alternative fueled vehicle' shall be
19 imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the county name decal. ~~The funds~~
20 ~~raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.~~

21 (B) As used in this paragraph, the term:

22 (i) 'Alternative fuel' means electricity, natural gas, and propane.

23 (ii) 'Alternative fueled vehicle' means any vehicle fueled solely by alternative fuel as
24 defined in division (i) of this subparagraph, bi-fuel, or dual fuel.

25 (C) Pursuant to paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151, the
26 applicant for a special license plate for any alternative fueled vehicle shall provide
27 proof that he or she has paid the registration fee prescribed therein prior to the issuance
28 of any special license plate under this paragraph. Upon showing proof of such
29 payment, any fees associated with the issuance, manufacture, and renewal of such
30 special license plate shall be waived."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for
33 operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new
34 passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, by revising paragraph (19) of subsection (a)
35 as follows:

- 36 "(19)(A)(i) Upon registration of an alternative fueled vehicle not operated
37 for commercial purposes 200.00
- 38 (ii) Upon registration of an alternative fueled vehicle operated for
39 commercial purposes 300.00
- 40 (iii) Upon registration of an alternative fueled vehicle that is a low-speed
41 vehicle 100.00

42 (B)(i) As used in this paragraph, the term 'alternative fueled vehicle' shall
43 have the same meaning as in division (1)(7)(B)(ii) of Code Section 40-2-86.1;
44 provided, however, that the fees in this paragraph shall not be assessed on
45 vehicles which operate primarily on compressed natural gas, liquefied
46 natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas.

47 (ii) The fees in this paragraph shall be in addition to any other fee imposed
48 on the vehicle by this Code section.

49 (iii) The fees in this paragraph shall be automatically adjusted on an annual
50 basis by ~~multiplying the percentage of increase or decrease in fuel efficiency~~
51 ~~from the previous year as measured by using the average of combined miles~~
52 ~~per gallon published in the United States Department of Energy Fuel~~
53 ~~Economy Guide against the current fee, and the resulting increase or~~
54 ~~decrease shall be added or subtracted from the fee. This preliminary fee~~
55 ~~adjustment shall then be multiplied by the increase or decrease in the~~
56 ~~Consumer Price Index percentage for the applicable year, and the result will~~
57 ~~be added or subtracted from the preliminary fee to produce the fee for the~~
58 ~~year reducing the fee by 5 percent annually until such fee equals zero.~~ The
59 first adjustment shall be calculated and implemented on July 1, ~~2016~~ 2026."

60 **SECTION 3.**

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