

House Bill 408

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Frye of the 118th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit
3 corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general
4 fund, so as to allow for the issuance of the special license plate for alternative fueled vehicles
5 to include hybrid vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for the compilation and
6 submission of a report on the issuance of such special plates to hybrid vehicles; to provide
7 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license
11 plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and
12 qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, is amended
13 by revising paragraph (7) of subsection (l) as follows:

14 "(7)(A) A special license plate to be issued for alternative fueled vehicles, which
15 license plate shall be similar in design to the license plate issued to all other residents
16 of this state except that the commissioner shall place a distinctive logo or emblem on
17 the license plate which shall distinguish the vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle
18 eligible to travel in travel lanes designated for such vehicles under paragraph (4) of
19 subsection (a) of Code Section 32-9-4. The words 'alternative fueled vehicle' shall be
20 imprinted on such special license plate in lieu of the county name decal. The funds
21 raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in the general fund.

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

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

24 (ii) 'Alternative fueled vehicle' means any vehicle ~~fueled;~~

25 ~~(I) Fueled~~ solely by alternative fuel as defined in division (i) of this subparagraph;
26 ~~bi-fuel, or dual fuel; or~~

27 (II) Which draws propulsion energy from on-board sources of stored energy
28 consisting of an internal combustion or heat engine using consumable fuel and a
29 rechargeable energy storage system.

30 (C) Pursuant to paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151, the
31 applicant for a special license plate for any alternative fueled vehicle shall provide
32 proof that he or she has paid the registration fee prescribed therein prior to the issuance
33 of any special license plate under this paragraph.

34 (D) The department shall compile a report on the number of special license plates
35 issued pursuant to subdivision (B)(ii)(II) of this paragraph. Such report shall be
36 presented no later than January 1 of each year to the commissioner of transportation and
37 the chairpersons of the Transportation Committees of the House of Representatives and
38 the Senate."

39 **SECTION 2.**

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