

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to HB 56:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Sections 32-9-4 and 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to designation of travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and use of such  
3 lanes and registration of vehicles by manufacturers, distributors, and dealers, dealer plates,  
4 and manufacturer headquarters plates, respectively, so as to provide for a distinctive logo or  
5 emblem for manufacturer's, distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plates to be  
6 placed upon alternative fueled vehicles to allow travel in exclusive or preferential use lanes  
7 of the state highway system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
8 for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of  
11 travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and use of such lanes, is amended by  
12 revising subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a) The department is authorized to designate travel lanes in each direction of travel on  
14 any road in the state highway system for the exclusive or preferential use of:

- 15 (1) Buses;
- 16 (2) Motorcycles;
- 17 (3) Passenger vehicles occupied by two persons or more;
- 18 (4) Vehicles bearing alternative fueled vehicle license plates issued under paragraph (5)  
19 of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-38 or paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code  
20 Section 40-2-86.1; or
- 21 (5) Other vehicles as designated by the department.

22 Where such designation has been made, the road shall be appropriately marked with such  
23 signs or other roadway markers and markings to inform the traveling public of the lane  
24 restrictions imposed."  
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**SECTION 2.**

27 Code Section 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of  
28 vehicles by manufacturers, distributors, and dealers, dealer plates, and manufacturer  
29 headquarters plates, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as  
30 follows:

31 “(5) The commissioner shall include a distinctive logo or emblem for any manufacturer's,  
32 distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate to be attached to an alternative  
33 fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section  
34 40-2-86.1. Alternative fuel vehicles bearing a special license plate pursuant to this  
35 subsection shall be subject to the alternative fuel vehicle fees as set forth in paragraph  
36 (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151 at the time of initial issuance and  
37 annually thereafter in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Display of a special  
38 license plate issued pursuant to this paragraph shall authorize travel by such alternative  
39 fueled vehicle in lanes for exclusive or preferential use designated pursuant to Code  
40 Section 32-9-4.”

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**SECTION 3.**

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