

Senate Bill 369

By: Senators Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Parent of the 42nd,
Summers of the 13th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to provide for the
3 issuance of license plates commemorating the United States of America's
4 semiquincentennial; to provide for the selection of the design for such license plate; to
5 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, is amended in Code Section 40-2-31,
11 relating to license plate design and revalidation and county decals, by revising subsection (b)
12 as follows:

13 "(b) License plates issued pursuant to this chapter shall be at least six inches wide and not
14 less than 12 inches in length, except that motorcycle license plates shall be at least four
15 inches wide and not less than seven inches in length and license plates for low-speed
16 vehicles and multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall be a size determined by the

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17 commissioner. All license plates shall show in boldface characters the month and year of
18 expiration, the serial number, and either the full name or the abbreviation of the name of
19 the state, shall designate the county from which the license plate was issued unless
20 specifically stated otherwise in this chapter, and shall show such other distinctive markings
21 as in the judgment of the commissioner may be deemed advisable, so as to indicate the
22 class of weight of the vehicle for which the license plate was issued. Any license plate for
23 a low-speed vehicle or multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall designate the vehicle as
24 such. Such plates may also bear such figures, characters, letters, or combinations thereof
25 as in the judgment of the commissioner will to the best advantage advertise, popularize,
26 and otherwise promote Georgia as the 'Peach State.' Plates issued during the years 2026
27 through 2030 shall include the design approved pursuant to Code Section 40-2-31.1.
28 Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, any license plate
29 issued pursuant to this chapter shall be of such strength and quality that the plate shall
30 provide a minimum service period of at least five years. The commissioner shall adopt
31 rules and regulations, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia
32 Administrative Procedure Act,' for the design and issuance of new license plates and to
33 implement the other provisions of this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

35 Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

36 "40-2-31.1.

37 In coordination with the Department of Education, the department shall establish
38 parameters for the design of and a selection process for a license plate which
39 commemorates the United States of America's semiquincentennial. The design of such
40 plate shall be selected from designs submitted by students in grades six through eight as
41 part of a civics education and engagement program which shall include feedback from the
42 Georgia Commission on Civics Education, Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, Georgia

43 Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the American
44 Revolution."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
47 without such approval.

48 **SECTION 4.**

49 The provisions of this Act shall stand repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2032.

50 **SECTION 5.**

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