

House Bill 671 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dunahoo of the 30<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Barr of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Pruett of the 149<sup>th</sup>, and others

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 revise the definition of authentic  
3 historical Georgia license plates and the use of such plates; so as to establish a specialty  
4 license plate to benefit the Georgia Beekeepers Association; to provide for related matters;  
5 to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for compliance with  
6 constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and  
10 licensing of motor vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-41.1, relating to  
11 authentic historical Georgia license plates, as follows:

12 "40-2-41.1.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'authentic historical Georgia license plate' means  
14 a license plate originally issued in the year ~~1970~~ 1989 or earlier and originally required to  
15 be displayed on motor vehicles operated upon the streets and highways of this state in the  
16 year ~~1970~~ 1989 or earlier pursuant to former motor vehicle registration laws of this state.

17 (b) The owner of any antique motor vehicle manufactured in ~~1970~~ 1989 or earlier shall be  
18 authorized to display in lieu of and in the same manner as the license plate otherwise  
19 required under Code Section 40-2-41 an authentic historical Georgia license plate which  
20 clearly represents the model year within four years of any such antique motor vehicle,  
21 provided that the owner has properly registered such antique motor vehicle for the current  
22 year as otherwise required under this chapter and has obtained a current Georgia license  
23 plate or revalidation decal for such antique motor vehicle. Such currently valid Georgia  
24 license plate shall be kept in such antique motor vehicle at all times but need not be  
25 displayed in a manner to be visible from outside the vehicle.

26 (c) For purposes of this Code section, the authentic historical Georgia license plate  
27 shall be furnished by the owner of any such antique motor vehicle.

28 (d) No later than January 1, 2006, the commissioner shall have installed within the  
29 department's computer information system applicable to the registration of motor vehicles  
30 the necessary program which will include in the information relating to the current Georgia  
31 license plate or revalidation decal issued for an antique motor vehicle the information  
32 relating to the authentic historical Georgia license plate authorized to be displayed on such  
33 antique motor vehicle."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates  
36 promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, funds, or nonprofit  
37 corporations, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (m) to read as follows:

38 "(14) A special license plate promoting the conservation and protection of the official  
39 insect of this state, the honey bee. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate  
40 shall be disbursed to the Georgia Beekeepers Association and shall be used to increase  
41 public awareness of the importance of the conservation of the honey bee and for funding  
42 and supporting numerous association programs, including but not limited to the training  
43 and education of both new and experienced beekeepers, prison beekeeper programs,  
44 grants to beekeeping related nonprofit corporations, beekeeping research facilities in this  
45 state, and projects that encourage public support for the license plate and the activities it  
46 funds. Such special license plate shall include the phrase 'Save the Honey Bee' in lieu of  
47 the county of issuance."

48 **SECTION 3.**

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

51 **SECTION 4.**

52 In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the  
53 Constitution of the State of Georgia, Section 2 this Act shall not become law unless it  
54 receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of  
55 Representatives.

56 **SECTION 5.**

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