

House Bill 809 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-8-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 marking and equipment of law enforcement vehicles and motorist allowed to continue to safe  
3 location before stopping for law enforcement officer vehicles, so as to provide that a motor  
4 vehicle used by any employee of the Georgia State Patrol for the enforcement of traffic laws  
5 may be a solid color; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Code Section 40-8-91 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to marking and  
10 equipment of law enforcement vehicles and motorist allowed to continue to safe location  
11 before stopping for law enforcement officer vehicles, is amended by revising subsection (b)  
12 as follows:

13 "(b) Any motor vehicle, except as hereinafter provided in this subsection, used by any  
14 employee of the Georgia State Patrol for the purpose of enforcing the traffic laws of this  
15 state shall be distinctly painted, marked, and equipped in such manner as shall be  
16 prescribed by the commissioner of public safety pursuant to this Code section. The  
17 commissioner in prescribing the manner in which such vehicles shall be painted, marked,  
18 or equipped shall:

19 (1) Require that all such motor vehicles be painted in a two-toned uniform color: or a  
20 solid color. For vehicles painted in a two-toned uniform color, the ~~The~~ hood, top, and the  
21 top area not to exceed 12 inches below the bottom of the window opening thereof shall  
22 be a light gray color and the remaining portion of said motor vehicle shall be painted a  
23 dark blue color;

24 (2) Require that any such motor vehicle be equipped with at least one lamp which when  
25 lighted shall display a flashing or revolving colored light visible under normal

26 atmospheric conditions for a distance of 500 feet from the front and rear of such vehicle;  
27 and  
28 (3) Require that any such motor vehicle shall be distinctly marked on each side and the  
29 back thereof with the wording 'State Patrol' in letters not less than six inches in height of  
30 a contrasting color from the background color of the motor vehicle."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.