

House Bill 618

By: Representatives Gladney of the 130th, Cannon of the 172nd, Williams of the 168th, McClain of the 109th, Corbett of the 174th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to
3 provide for the design of special license plates issued to retired members of the active reserve
4 components and the Georgia National Guard; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended in Code
10 Section 40-2-65, relating to special license plates for members of active reserve components
11 of the United States, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

12 "(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired from any branch of the active reserve
13 components whose active reservists are eligible to obtain free motor vehicle license plates
14 under paragraph (1) of this subsection, upon application for license plates and upon
15 compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of
16 motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of this chapter, shall be issued, free of

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17 charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for private passenger cars, motorcycles,
18 or trucks used for personal transportation. Each such retired member shall be entitled to
19 no more than one such free plate for any calendar year; provided, however, that, upon
20 payment of the regular license fee provided for in Code Section 40-2-151 and a
21 manufacturing fee of \$25.00, a retired member shall be entitled to receive one additional
22 such license plate. For each additional license plate for which an initial \$25.00 fee was
23 required, there shall be an additional annual registration fee of \$25.00, which fee shall be
24 collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and
25 shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34. The license plates
26 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed
27 by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to
28 members of the branch of the active reserve component from which that person retired;
29 provided, however, that 'Retired' shall be included in lieu of the name of the county of
30 issuance. The commanding officer of each active reserve component program unit shall,
31 upon request of any retired reserve member from that unit, furnish to that retired member
32 approved documentation supporting the retired member's current retired membership
33 status from that reserve unit. This documentation shall be presented to the tax
34 commissioner of the county in which the retired reserve member applies for the special
35 license plate under this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

37 Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-2-66, relating to special license plates for
38 members of Georgia National Guard, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

39 "(2) Motor vehicle owners who are retired members of the Georgia National Guard, upon
40 application for license plates and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws
41 relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles as prescribed under Article 2 of
42 this chapter, shall be issued, free of charge, a license plate as prescribed in that article for

43 private passenger cars, motorcycles, or trucks used for personal transportation. Each
44 retired member of the Georgia National Guard shall be entitled to no more than one such
45 free plate at a time; provided, however, that, upon payment of the regular license fee
46 provided for in Code Section 48-10-2 and a manufacturing fee of \$25.00, a member shall
47 be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each additional license plate for
48 which an initial \$25.00 fee was required, there shall be an additional annual registration
49 fee of \$25.00 which fee shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of collection
50 of other registration fees and shall be remitted to the state as provided in Code Section
51 40-2-34. The license plates issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, in addition to the
52 numbers and letters prescribed by law, be identical to those issued pursuant to paragraph
53 (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that 'Retired' shall be included in lieu of the
54 name of the county of issuance. The adjutant general of Georgia shall, upon request of
55 any member retired from that National Guard unit, furnish to that retired member
56 approved documentation supporting the member's retired membership status in that
57 National Guard unit. This documentation shall be presented annually to the tax
58 commissioner of the county in which the retired National Guard member applies for the
59 special license plate under this Code section and upon subsequent reregistration for each
60 succeeding year."

61 **SECTION 3.**

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