House Bill 165 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Clark of the 147th, Meeks of the 178th, Lumsden of the 12th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to horns, exhaust systems, mirrors, windshields, tires, safety belts, and energy absorption systems of motor vehicles, so as to allow for the use of mounts on windshields of motor vehicles for the support of wireless telecommunications devices and stand-alone electronic devices under certain circumstances; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to horns, exhaust systems, mirrors, windshields, tires, safety belts, and energy absorption systems of motor vehicles, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 40-8-73, relating to windshields and windshield wipers, as follows:

"(a) No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield, side windows, or rear windows of such vehicle which obstructs the driver's clear view of the highway or any intersecting highway; provided, however, that, except as prohibited by federal law, rules, or regulations in the operation of

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a commercial motor vehicle, a person may drive a motor vehicle with a mount for the
support of a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device, as such
terms are defined in Code Section 40-6-241, upon the front windshield, provided that such
mount is located on the windshield in a manner which minimizes obstruction of the driver's
view."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.