

House Bill 1481 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 registration and licensing of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and issuance of
3 manufacturer, manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer plates, so as to provide for
4 standards for issuance of dealer license plates; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for
5 related matters; to provide for an effective date; 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 40-2-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and
10 licensing of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and issuance of manufacturer,
11 manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer plates, is amended by revising
12 subsection (b) as follows:

13 "(b)(1) Dealer plates shall be issued in the following manner:

14 ~~(†)(A)~~ Dealers shall be issued a master plate and two additional plates, for a total of
15 three initial plates; and

16 ~~(2)(B)~~ In addition to the three dealer plates issued in accordance with subparagraph (A)
17 of this paragraph (1) of this subsection, each dealer may also be issued one additional
18 dealer plate for every 20 units sold in a calendar year.

19 (2) In order to determine the additional number and classification of plates to be issued
20 to a dealer, a dealer shall be required to certify by affidavit to the department the number
21 of retail and wholesale units sold in the prior calendar year using the past motor vehicle
22 sales history of the dealer as identified by department records of documentation approved
23 by the department. If no sales history is available, the department shall issue a number
24 of plates based on an estimated number of sales for the coming calendar year. The
25 department may, in its discretion, request documentation supporting sales history and
26 may increase or decrease the number and classification of plates issued based on actual
27 sales.

28 (3) Until January 1, 2025, the allocation of the additional number and classification of
29 plates to a dealer shall be no less than the amount such dealer qualified for as of January
30 1, 2020. This paragraph shall stand repealed on January 1, 2025."

31 **SECTION 2.**

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

34 **SECTION 3.**

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