

Senate Bill 227

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Henson of the 41st and Dugan of the 30th

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-9-4 and Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to designation of travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and  
3 use of such lanes and to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, respectively, so as to  
4 provide for a distinctive logo or emblem for manufacturer's, distributor's, or manufacturer  
5 headquarters' license plates to be placed upon alternative fueled vehicles to allow travel in  
6 exclusive or preferential use lanes of the state highway system; to establish a specialty  
7 license plate to benefit the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; to establish a  
8 specialty license plate to benefit the Autism Alliance of Georgia; to provide for related  
9 matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an  
10 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of  
14 travel lanes by the Department of Transportation and use of such lanes, is amended by  
15 revising subsection (a) as follows:

16 "(a) The department is authorized to designate travel lanes in each direction of travel on  
17 any road in the state highway system for the exclusive or preferential use of:

18 (1) Buses;

19 (2) Motorcycles;

20 (3) Passenger vehicles occupied by two persons or more;

21 (4) Vehicles bearing alternative fueled vehicle license plates issued under paragraph (5)  
22 of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-38 or paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code  
23 Section 40-2-86.1; or

24 (5) Other vehicles as designated by the department.

25 Where such designation has been made, the road shall be appropriately marked with such  
 26 signs or other roadway markers and markings to inform the traveling public of the lane  
 27 restrictions imposed."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 Chapter 2 of Title 40, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, is amended in  
 30 Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration of vehicles by manufacturers, distributors, and  
 31 dealers, dealer plates, and manufacturer headquarters plates, by adding a new paragraph to  
 32 subsection (a) to read as follows:

33 "(5) The commissioner shall include a distinctive logo or emblem for any manufacturer's,  
 34 distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate to be attached to an alternative  
 35 fueled vehicle, as such term is defined in paragraph (7) of subsection (l) of Code Section  
 36 40-2-86.1. Alternative fuel vehicles bearing a special license plate pursuant to this  
 37 subsection shall be subject to the alternative fuel vehicle fees as set forth in paragraph  
 38 (19) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-151 at the time of initial issuance and  
 39 annually thereafter in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Display of a special  
 40 license plate issued pursuant to this paragraph shall authorize travel by such alternative  
 41 fueled vehicle in lanes for exclusive or preferential use designated pursuant to Code  
 42 Section 32-9-4."

43 **SECTION 3.**

44 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates  
 45 promoting and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with  
 46 proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by  
 47 adding a new paragraph to subsection (l) to read as follows:

48 "(58) A special license plate supporting the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.  
 49 The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed as provided  
 50 for in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.  
 51 (59) A special license plate promoting autism awareness. The funds raised by the sale  
 52 of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Autism Alliance of Georgia. Such  
 53 special license plate shall include the phrase 'Autism Awareness' in lieu of the name of  
 54 the county of issuance."

55 **SECTION 4.**

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

59 **SECTION 5.**

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

62 **SECTION 6.**

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