

Make your next contact your Georgia Representative and Senator

**Ask them to support HB 706 and remove the license plate fees for the
Amateur Radio License Plate!**



Do you know your Georgia Representative or Senator's contact? Put in your home address at this website: https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/?address= Write It down and save their email address and phone number

Tell your Representative and Senator you are one of over 19,000 Amateur Radio Operators in the State of Georgia and ask them to support and help pass **House Bill 706** sponsored by Alan Powell (33) and reinstate the Amateur Radio License Plate without the special license plate fees.

Write them an email (use the template below or your own words) and tell them

- Your call sign and you're a member _____ Radio Club, one of more than 60 clubs in the state that help's train and provide community support and emergency services by providing access to its area communications network.
 - Specifically mention your participation in ARES or AuxComm or SkyWarn or CERT and another programs.
- Amateur Radio is now included in the FEMA Guide for National Emergency Preparedness. (Read ARRL QST June 2023 edition, page 78).
- You are self-supporting, buying and maintaining your own equipment for your base station and mobile/portable station for emergency response for county, state and federal programs. (Mention your training and practice, tell them about your last NET, POTA, contest, completed all county, state, country certification requirements and how you set up and make contacts).
 - If you are a Veteran, tell them your skills learned in the military and now apply as an Amateur Radio Operator. (Communications, technical, tactical support, etc.).

Make the email contact at least 3 or 4 more times this year.

- Copy the Speakers Office, jon.burns@house.ga.gov and Rep. Powell (alan.powell@house.ga.gov) as well.
- When the General Assembly convenes next January 2024, call their office every week as you can until it's passed.

Working together as an Amateur Radio community, it can be done. Share this with your family and friends asking for their support contacting their Representative and Senator as well.

The best part is when it passes, **ARRL Georgia Section will design a new Georgia Amateur Radio license plate!**

You may use the following is a template to cut and paste your message for your email. Enter your Representative and Senators email and name along with your information between the { } brackets. Use your own words or events as you appropriate.

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TO: {Georgia Representative} {Georgia Senator}

CC: alan.powell@house.ga.gov, jon.burns@house.ga.gov

SUBJECT: House Bill 706 – Amateur Radio Operator License Plate

Dear Representative {Name} and Senator {Name}

My name is {full name} and live in {city} GA. I am writing asking your support of the Amateur Radio License Plate Bill (HB706) and re-instate the license plate code section 40-2-75 for more than 19,000 Amateur Radio Operators in Georgia.

I have been an Amateur Radio Operator since {year} using the call sign {callsign} and a member of the {radio Club} Amateur Radio Club located in {city}. I have built my station with my personal funds and participate in many Amateur Radio events such as Scouting, Fun Runs, marathons, etc. Now a Veteran, I learned many of my skills serving in the U. S. {branch of military}.

I am a member of the {County} Amateur Radio Emergency Services and participate in the monthly nets practicing simulated radio messaging in preparation if needed for an actual event. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognize and utilize the services of Amateur Radio Operators as part of their National Emergency Preparedness as published in their March 2023 National Incident Management System.

Most recently an event in the {name} Georgia state park event to improve my remote and mobile skills using only battery power and/or generator. I also participate in SkyWarn, a voluntary program of the NOAA's National Weather Service for trained operators to spot severe weather and report accordingly in cooperation with Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

An Amateur Radio Operator, under the Federal Communications Commission rules, cannot ask for or receive any compensation for any service performed. Your support of House Bill 706 will be greatly appreciated as I will continue to support my community, county and state.

Sincerely

{Name}