



## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICE APPLAUDS SIGNING OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECORDS ACCESS BILL**

Georgia State Representative, Chairman of the House Motor Vehicles Committee Tom Rice today applauded the signing into law of House of Representatives Bill 945 during the 2008 Legislative Session, allowing direct access to motor vehicle registration records by people and entities legally required to notify owners of towed or impounded vehicles.

“With the signing of House of Representatives Bill 945, the people that have a legal need for access to motor vehicle registration records will have now direct access to it” said Rice. “This bill removes an unnecessary step and burden on law enforcement in the non-consensual towing notification process while delivering cost savings benefits to both the towing and storage industry and citizens.”

By law, storage and impound lots are required to notify the registered owner and lien holder via registered mail for any non-consensually towed vehicle unrecovered after 72 hours. The Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) maintains this notification information and disseminates it only through law enforcement. House of Representatives Bill 945 amends provisions in Georgia Code to provide direct access to motor vehicle registration and title records by authorized people or entities for use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles.

The measure was adopted unanimously by the Georgia General Assembly House of Representatives (146-0) and Senate (52-0) and was signed into law by Governor Sonny Purdue on May 14, 2008. The law is effective July 1st, 2008.