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Governor Deal Signs Bill to Transfer Transportation from Public Service Commission to Department of Public Safety

ATLANTA, May 1, 2012 – Georgia Governor Nathan Deal today signed House Bill 865, which transfers all transportation functions currently under the regulatory authority of the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) to the Department of Public Safety (Public Safety) effective on July 1, 2012. Joining the Governor for the bill signing was: State Representative Alan Powell (R-Hartwell) the bill's House sponsor; Commission Chairman Tim Echols, Commissioner Stan Wise, and Commissioner of Public Safety Mark W. McDonough; staff members from the Commission and Public Safety and representatives of the transportation industry

"The Public Service Commission has no guns, badges or flashing lights," said Commission Chairman Tim Echols. "From an enforcement standpoint, having the Department of Public Safety do this made more sense."

"This is clearly a move for efficiency and streamlining of state government," said Commissioner Stan Wise. "When the Commission brought this proposed consolidation to the Governor last year, he recognized this move as a way to achieve those goals," added Wise.

House Bill 865 transfers regulatory authority over household goods moving firms, limousines for hire companies, non-consensual towing companies and charter passenger bus companies to Public Safety effective July 1, 2012. The legislation passed the General Assembly with overwhelming support from both the House and the Senate. Senator Don Balfour (R-Snellville) carried the bill in the Senate.

To link to the legislation, go to <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/default.aspx>. For more information on the Georgia Public Service Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us.

Photo from the signing is available at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/newsinfo/NewsReleases.aspx>

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Governor Nathan Deal signs House Bill 865 at the State Capitol as members of the Georgia Public Service Commission, Commissioner of Public Safety, Commission and Public Safety staff, State Representative Alan Powell as well as Transportation Industry representative watch