

By Senator Posey

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicle license  
3           plates; amending s. 320.061, F.S.; prohibiting  
4           the covering or otherwise obscuring of a  
5           license plate in a manner that limits viewing  
6           the information contained on the plate;  
7           providing a penalty; providing an effective  
8           date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1.   Section 320.061, Florida Statutes, is  
13   amended to read:

14           320.061   Unlawful to alter motor vehicle registration  
15   certificates, license plates, mobile home stickers, or  
16   validation stickers; unlawful to obscure license plates;  
17   penalty.--

18           (1) No person may ~~shall~~ alter the original appearance  
19   of any registration license plate, mobile home sticker,  
20   validation sticker, or vehicle registration certificate issued  
21   for and assigned to any motor vehicle or mobile home, whether  
22   by mutilation, alteration, defacement, or change of color or  
23   in any other manner.

24           (2) No person may cover or otherwise obscure a license  
25   plate in a manner that limits the visibility of the  
26   information contained on the plate.

27           (3) Any person who violates the provisions of this  
28   section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
29   punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

30           Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits the covering or obscuring of a license plate on  
a motor vehicle and provides a penalty.