

By Senator Wise

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.06,
3 F.S.; requiring counties to issue license plates with
4 either "Sunshine State" or the official state motto
5 printed on the plate in lieu of the county name; providing
6 conditions; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
11 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
13 validation stickers generally.--

14 (3) (a) Registration license plates shall be of metal
15 specially treated with a retroreflective material, as specified
16 by the department. The registration license plate is designed to
17 increase nighttime visibility and legibility and shall be at
18 least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length, unless
19 a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by the
20 department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar smaller
21 vehicles. Validation stickers shall be treated with a
22 retroreflective material, shall be of such size as specified by
23 the department, and shall adhere to the license plate. The
24 registration license plate shall be imprinted with a combination
25 of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to exceed seven
26 digits, to identify the registration license plate number. The
27 license plate shall also be imprinted with the word "Florida" at
28 the top and the name of the county in which it is sold at the
29 bottom, except that apportioned license plates shall have the

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30 word "Apportioned" at the bottom and license plates issued for
31 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or
32 (c), or (14) shall have the word "Restricted" at the bottom.
33 License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must
34 be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word
35 "Dealer" at the bottom. Manufacturer license plates issued for
36 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the
37 word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the
38 bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
39 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at
40 the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county
41 commission, elect to have the county name removed from the
42 license plates sold in that county. The words "Sunshine State"
43 shall be printed in lieu thereof. In those counties where the
44 county commission has not removed the county name from the
45 license plate, the tax collector shall ~~may~~, in addition to
46 issuing license plates with the county name printed on the
47 license plate, also issue license plates with either the official
48 state motto or the words "Sunshine State" printed on the license
49 plate subject to the approval of the department and a legislative
50 appropriation for the additional license plates. A license plate
51 issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned
52 a registration license number, or be issued with any other
53 distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes the
54 motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.