

By the Committee on Transportation; and 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 that a county opting to remove the county
4 name from plates issued in that county offer plates that
5 have the state motto and plates that have the words
6 "Sunshine State" printed at the bottom of the plate;
7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
12 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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59 | or be issued with any other distinctive character or designation,
60 | that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.
61 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.