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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 that have
4 the name of the county in which the plate is sold and the
5 state motto or the words "Sunshine State" printed on the
6 plate; providing 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 and the
29 state motto or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. ~~except~~

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30 ~~that~~ Apportioned license plates shall have the word "Apportioned"
31 at the bottom and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under
32 s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or (c), or (14) shall have
33 the word "Restricted" at the bottom. License plates issued for
34 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the
35 word "Florida" at the top and the word "Dealer" at the bottom.
36 Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
37 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top
38 and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued
39 for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted
40 with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may, upon
41 majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the county
42 name removed from the license plates sold in that county. The
43 state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed in
44 lieu thereof. ~~In those counties where the county commission has~~
45 ~~not removed the county name from the license plate, the tax~~
46 ~~collector may, in addition to issuing license plates with the~~
47 ~~county name printed on the license plate, also issue license~~
48 ~~plates with 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 October 1, 2008.