

HB 69

2008

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,  
19 unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by  
20 the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar  
21 smaller 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  
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)  
34 must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the  
35 word "Dealer" at the bottom. Manufacturer license plates issued  
36 for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with  
37 the 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  
48 official state motto or the words "Sunshine State" printed on  
49 the license plate subject to the approval of the department and  
50 a legislative appropriation for the additional license plates. A  
51 license plate issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may  
52 not be assigned a registration license number, or be issued with  
53 any other distinctive character or designation, that  
54 distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

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