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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.06,
3 F.S.; providing that a county opting to remove the county
4 name from plates issued in that county shall offer plates
5 with the state motto and plates with the words "Sunshine
6 State" printed at the bottom of the plate; providing an
7 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,
20 unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by
21 the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar
22 smaller 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
30 | state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Any
31 | county may, upon majority vote of the county commission, elect
32 | to have the county name removed from the license plates sold in
33 | that county. In counties opting to remove the county name,
34 | license plates with the state motto printed on the bottom and
35 | license plates with the words "Sunshine State" printed on the
36 | bottom shall both be offered for issuance.~~7, except that~~
37 | Apportioned license plates shall have the word "Apportioned" 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
47 | imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. ~~Any county may,~~
48 | ~~upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the~~
49 | ~~county name removed from the license plates sold in that county.~~
50 | ~~The words "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. In~~
51 | ~~those counties where the county commission has not removed the~~
52 | ~~county name from the license plate, the tax collector may, in~~
53 | ~~addition to issuing license plates with the county name printed~~
54 | ~~on the license plate, also issue license plates with the words~~
55 | ~~"Sunshine State" printed on the license plate subject to the~~
56 | ~~approval of the department and a legislative appropriation for~~

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57 | ~~the additional license plates.~~ A license plate issued for a
58 | vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a
59 | registration license number, or be issued with any other
60 | distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes the
61 | motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

62 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.