

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 the name of the county in which the plate is sold,
5 the state motto, or the words "Sunshine State," printed on
6 the plate; providing conditions; providing an effective
7 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.~~7~~
31 | ~~except that~~ Apportioned license plates shall have the word
32 | "Apportioned" at the bottom and license plates issued for
33 | vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or
34 | (c), or (14) shall have the word "Restricted" at the bottom.
35 | License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12)
36 | must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the
37 | word "Dealer" at the bottom. Manufacturer license plates issued
38 | for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with
39 | the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the
40 | bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
41 | 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at
42 | the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county
43 | commission, elect to have the county name removed from the
44 | license plates sold in that county. The state motto or the words
45 | "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. ~~In those~~
46 | ~~counties where the county commission has not removed the county~~
47 | ~~name from the license plate, the tax collector may, in addition~~
48 | ~~to issuing license plates with the county name printed on the~~
49 | ~~license plate, also issue license plates with the words~~
50 | ~~"Sunshine State" printed on the license plate subject to the~~
51 | ~~approval of the department and a legislative appropriation for~~
52 | ~~the additional license plates.~~ A license plate issued for a
53 | vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a
54 | registration license number, or be issued with any other
55 | distinctive character or designation, that distinguishes the
56 | motor vehicle as a for-hire motor vehicle.

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