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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 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

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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.