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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle license plates;
3 amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring that each license
4 plate and validation sticker bear a barcode
5 identifying the vehicle for which the plate or sticker
6 was issued; 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. Subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida
11 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, the
29 state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom.

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30 Apportioned license plates shall have the word "Apportioned" at
31 the bottom and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
32 320.08(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
40 imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may,
41 upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the
42 county name removed from the license plates sold in that county.
43 The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed
44 in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed
45 under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license
46 number, or be issued with any other distinctive character or
47 designation, which ~~that~~ distinguishes the motor vehicle as a
48 for-hire motor vehicle. Each license plate and validation
49 sticker, whether permanent or temporary, shall also bear a
50 barcode number sufficient to identify the vehicle for which the
51 plate or sticker was issued.

52 (b) An additional fee of 50 cents shall be collected on
53 each motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal
54 registration issued in this state in order that all license
55 plates and validation stickers be fully treated with
56 retroreflective material.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.