

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to offenses involving motor vehicles;
3 amending s. 316.2397, F.S.; reclassifying the offense
4 of driving, moving, or causing to be moved a vehicle
5 or equipment with certain lighting on a highway as a
6 third degree felony in a specified circumstance;
7 creating s. 320.262, F.S.; defining the term "license
8 plate obscuring device"; providing criminal penalties
9 if a person purchases, possesses, manufactures, sells,
10 offers to sell, or otherwise distributes a license
11 plate obscuring device; providing an enhanced penalty
12 if a person uses a license plate obscuring device for
13 specified purposes; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 **Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section**
18 **316.2397, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (1) of**
19 **that section is republished, to read:**

20 316.2397 Certain lights prohibited; exceptions.—

21 (1) A person may not drive or move or cause to be moved
22 any vehicle or equipment upon any highway within this state with
23 any lamp or device thereon showing or displaying a red, red and
24 white, or blue light visible from directly in front thereof
25 except for certain vehicles provided in this section.

(10) (a) A person who violates subsection (1) and in so doing effects or attempts to effect a stop of another vehicle commits a felony ~~misdemeanor~~ of the third ~~first~~ degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. Section 320.262, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.262 License plate obscuring device prohibited; penalties.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "license plate obscuring device" means a manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle which:

(a) Switches between two or more license plates for the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle;

(b) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the license plate so that the license plate number is not visible;

(c) Covers, obscures, or otherwise interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of any feature or detail on the license plate; or

(d) Interferes with the ability to record any feature or detail on the license plate.

(2) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, if he or she

51 purchases or possesses a license plate obscuring device.

52 (3) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
53 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, if he or she
54 manufactures, sells, offers to sell, or otherwise distributes a
55 license plate obscuring device.

56 (4) A person commits a felony of the third degree,
57 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,
58 if he or she uses a license plate obscuring device to assist in
59 committing a crime or in escaping from or avoiding detection or
60 arrest in connection with committing such crime.

61 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.