

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) As used in 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 for the purpose of:

(a) Switching between two or more license plates to permit a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle;

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

(c) Covering, obscuring, or otherwise interfering with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate; or

(d) Interfering with the ability to record the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate.

51        (2) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
52 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, if he or she  
53 purchases or possesses a license plate obscuring device.

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

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

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