

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 322 (HB 846)

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Bayham

Existing law (R.S. 32:53(A)(3)) requires that a permanent registration license plate be securely fastened, clearly visible, and free from foreign materials. Prior law prohibited application of any covering or substance to the license plate or using an electronic or electrochromatic film that obscures the numbers, characters, registration sticker, or name of the issuing jurisdiction.

New law modifies prior law by clarifying that the prohibition applies to any covering, film, including electrochromatic film, coating, spray, frame, bracket, substance, electronic and nonelectronic device, or any material over or on the license plate. Defines "obscure" as impairing the visibility, legibility, or reflectivity of any feature of the license plate, including the numbers, letters, symbols, registration stickers, or security features, when viewed from any angle. Establishes a tiered penalty structure, different from existing law (R.S. 32:57), under which a first offense results in a fine not to exceed \$75 and a fine of \$250 for a second and any subsequent offense.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 32:53(A)(3))