

2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Requires a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle for identification purposes (Item #9)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:53(A)(3), relative to the display of permanent registration  
3 license plates; to require front license plates to be displayed on motor vehicles; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:53(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §53. Proper equipment required on vehicles; display of plate

8 A.

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10 (3) Every permanent registration license plate shall at all times be securely  
11 fastened to the vehicle on both the front and the rear of the vehicle to which it is  
12 assigned, so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than  
13 twelve inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place  
14 and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials  
15 and in a condition to be clearly legible. Unless authorized by the commissioner, a  
16 person shall not apply a covering or any substance to the license plate or use an  
17 electronic device or electrochromatic film that obscures from any angle the numbers,  
18 characters, year registration sticker, or name of the jurisdiction issuing the plate.

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1           Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor  
2 vehicles, shall promulgate administrative rules and regulations as may be necessary to  
3 implement the provisions contained in this Act.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the display of every permanent registration license plate on the front of a motor vehicle.

Present law requires every permanent registration license plate to be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned and to be clearly visible and legible.

Proposed law retains provisions of present law and adds a requirement that every permanent registration license plate be displayed on both the front and rear of the vehicle.

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