

ACT No. 322

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 846

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND MANDIE LANDRY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:53(A)(3), relative to the display of motor vehicle license plates; to prohibit the application of coverings, films, substances, or devices over or on a license plate that impedes the visibility of the license plate; to define the term "obscure"; to establish penalties for violations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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(3)(a) Every permanent registration license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, so as to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible. Unless authorized by the commissioner, a person shall not apply a any covering, film, electrochromatic film, coating, spray, frame, bracket, or any substance to , electronic or nonelectronic device, or any material over or on the license plate ~~or use an electronic device or electrochromatic film~~ that obscures from

1 any angle the numbers, characters, year registration sticker, or name of the
2 jurisdiction issuing the plate.

3 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "obscure" shall refer to any action or
4 method that diminishes the visibility, legibility, or reflectivity of any numbers,
5 characters, decals, stickers, symbols, or jurisdictional identifiers on a license plate.

6 (c) Notwithstanding the penalty provisions contained in R.S. 32:57, any
7 person who violates the provisions provided for in this Paragraph shall incur a fine
8 not to exceed seventy-five dollars for the first offense and a fine of two hundred fifty
9 dollars for a second and any subsequent offense.

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11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____