

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE LOPINTO

TRANSPORTATION: Provides relative to the improper display of license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:53(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:507, relative to motor vehicle
3 license plates; to provide for the proper display of license plates; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

8 A.(1) No person shall drive or move, nor cause or knowingly permit any
9 vehicle owned or controlled by him to be driven or moved, on any highway of this
10 state, at any time, any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe
11 condition as to endanger any person or property, or which does not contain those
12 parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment, in proper
13 condition and adjustment, as required in this Chapter, or which is constructed or
14 equipped in any manner in violation of this Chapter, and no person shall do any act
15 forbidden or fail to perform any act required under this Chapter.

16 (2) The permanent registration license plate assigned to a trailer, semitrailer,
17 motorcycle, or other motor vehicle shall be attached to the rear thereof.
18 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the permanent registration license plate assigned to
19 any truck having a gross vehicle weight in excess of ten thousand pounds or to any
20 dump truck may be attached to either the front or rear thereof. For the purposes of
21 this Section, dump truck means any truck with a bed that raises to dump a load. The
22 permanent registration license plate shall be so displayed during the current
23 registration year, except as otherwise provided herein.

1 (3) Every permanent registration license plate shall at all times be securely
2 fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, so as to prevent the plate from
3 swinging, and at a height not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring
4 from the bottom of such plate, in a place and upright position to be clearly visible,
5 and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly
6 legible.

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8 Section 2. R.S. 47:507 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that motor vehicle license plates be clearly and visibly displayed in an upright position in the rear of the motor vehicle.

Present law (R.S. 47:507) provides that motor vehicle permanent registration plates be securely fastened to the assigned motor vehicle in a manner to prevent the plate from swinging, and at a height not less than 12 inches from the ground 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. Also, specifies that any permanent registration license plate assigned to a truck weighing in excess of 6,000 pounds may be attached to the front or the rear of the vehicle.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that a truck with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds may attach a permanent registration license plate to the front or rear of the vehicle.

Proposed law provides that all permanent registration plates be affixed to the motor vehicle in an upright position to be clearly visible.

(Amends R.S. 32:53(A); Repeals R.S. 47:507)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Added a provision that provides that the permanent registration license plate assigned to any truck having a gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds, as opposed to 6,000 pounds, or to any dump truck may be attached to either the front or the rear of the truck.