

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES. Prohibits certain coverings and devices from obstructing a license plate. (8/1/17)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:53(A)(3), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to display of a motor vehicle license plate; to prohibit coverings and devices from obstructing a motor vehicle license plate; 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

A. * * *

(3) 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 covering or any substance to the license plate or use an electronic device or electrochromatic film that obscures from any angle the numbers, characters, year registration sticker, or name of the jurisdiction issuing the plate.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

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Present law requires that a motor vehicle permanent license plate is 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.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits, unless authorized by the commissioner, a person from applying a covering or any substance to the license plate or using an electronic device or electrochromatic film that obscures from any angle the numbers, characters, year registration sticker, or name of the jurisdiction issuing the plate.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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