

Senator Luz Robles proposes the following substitute bill:

LICENSE PLATES AMENDMENTS

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Robles

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicle Act by amending provisions relating to license plates.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a license plate is not required to be attached to the front of the vehicle if the vehicle is a vintage vehicle;

- ▶ repeals the provision that provides that enforcement of the requirement to display a license plate on the front of a vehicle shall only be as a secondary action when the vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of another offense by any person in the vehicle;

- ▶ provides that the requirement to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle shall only be enforced if the vehicle is in motion;

- ▶ provides that a violation of the requirement to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle is a class C misdemeanor; and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **41-1a-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 106



31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **41-1a-404** is amended to read:

33 **41-1a-404. Location and position of plates.**

34 (1) ~~[License]~~ (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), license plates issued for a
35 vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached to the vehicle, one in
36 the front and the other in the rear.

37 (b) A license plate is not required to be attached to the front of the vehicle under this
38 Subsection (1) if the vehicle is a vintage vehicle as defined in Section 41-21-1.

39 (2) The license plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached to
40 the rear of the motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer.

41 (3) Every license plate shall at all times be:

42 (a) securely fastened:

43 (i) in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued to prevent the plate from
44 swinging;

45 (ii) at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom
46 of the plate; and

47 (iii) in a place and position to be clearly visible; and

48 (b) maintained:

49 (i) free from foreign materials; and

50 (ii) in a condition to be clearly legible.

51 ~~[(4) Enforcement by a state or local law enforcement officer of the requirement under~~
52 ~~Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle shall be only as a secondary~~
53 ~~action when the vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation by any person in the~~
54 ~~vehicle of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, other than the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a~~
55 ~~license plate to the front of the vehicle, or for another offense.]~~
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57 (4) The requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of a
58 vehicle shall only be enforced if the vehicle is in motion.

59 (5) A violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.