

Senator Wayne A. Harper proposes the following substitute bill:

DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

Senate Sponsor: Gene Davis

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles code related to license plates.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires that a license plate be displayed in a manner to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight;
- ▶ provides that a license plate is not required to be attached to the front of a vehicle if the vehicle was not originally designed and manufactured to hold a front license plate; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-403, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 1

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



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

Section 1. Section **41-1a-403** is amended to read:

41-1a-403. Plates to be legible from 100 feet.

License plates and the required letters and numerals on them, except the decals and the slogan, shall be of sufficient size and displayed in a manner to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.

Section 2. Section **41-1a-404** is amended to read:

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

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

(b) A license plate is not required to be attached to the front of the vehicle under this Subsection (1) if the vehicle was not originally designed and manufactured to hold a front license plate.

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

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

(a) securely fastened:

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

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

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

(b) maintained:

(i) free from foreign materials; and

(ii) in a condition to be clearly legible.

(4) Enforcement by a state or local law enforcement officer of the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle shall be only as a secondary action when the vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation by any person in the vehicle of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, other than the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a

57 license plate to the front of the vehicle, or for another offense.