

1 **ENFORCEMENT OF FRONT LICENSE PLATE**
2 **DISPLAY REQUIREMENT AMENDMENTS**

3 2008 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Sheldon L. Killpack**

6 House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code by amending provisions relating to license
11 plate display requirements.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

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

17 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23 **41-1a-404**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 1

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

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

27 **41-1a-404. Location and position of plates.**

28 (1) License plates issued for a vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer
29 shall be attached to the vehicle, one in the front and the other in the rear.

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

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

33 (a) securely fastened:

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

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

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

39 (b) maintained:

40 (i) free from foreign materials; and

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

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