

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

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sheldon L. Killpack

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- 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.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

45 vehicle of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, other than the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a

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

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations and will have no revenue impact.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will result in a \$23,500 decrease in local revenue. Businesses and individuals not displaying front license plates will likely experience a decrease in citations.
