

Representative Norman K Thurston proposes the following substitute bill:

DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires that a license plate be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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.

(1) License plates issued for a vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer



26 shall be attached to the vehicle, one in the front and the other in the rear.

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

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

30 (a) securely fastened:

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

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

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

36 (b) maintained:

37 (i) free from foreign materials; and

38 (ii) in a condition to be clearly legible from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.

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