1	LICENSE PLATE OBSTRUCTION AMENDMENTS
2	2015 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Edward H. Redd
5	Senate Sponsor: Karen Mayne
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill modifies the Motor Vehicle Act by amending license plate display
10	requirements.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	<ul> <li>exempts certain devices that may obscure the display of a license plate from clear</li> </ul>
14	license plate visibility requirements; and
15	<ul> <li>makes technical changes.</li> </ul>
16	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
17	None
18	Other Special Clauses:
19	None
20	Utah Code Sections Affected:
21	AMENDS:
22	41-1a-404, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 106
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24	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
25	Section 1. Section <b>41-1a-404</b> is amended to read:
26	41-1a-404. Location and position of plates Visibility of plates Exceptions.
27	(1) License plates issued for a vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer

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- 28 shall be attached to the vehicle, one in the front and the other in the rear. 29 (2) The license plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached to 30 the rear of the motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer. 31 (3) [Every] Except as provided in Subsection (5), a license plate shall at all times be: 32 (a) securely fastened: 33 (i) in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued to prevent the plate from 34 swinging; 35 (ii) at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate; and 36 (iii) in a place and position to be clearly visible; and 37 38 (b) maintained: 39 (i) free from foreign materials; and 40 (ii) in a condition to be clearly legible. (4) Enforcement by a state or local law enforcement officer of the requirement under 41 42 Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle shall be only as a secondary 43 action when the vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation by any person in the 44 vehicle of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, other than the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of the vehicle, or for another offense. 45 46 (5) The provisions of Subsections (3)(a)(iii) and (3)(b) do not apply to a license plate 47 that is obscured exclusively by one or more of the following devices or by the cargo the device 48 is carrying, if the device is installed according to manufacturer specifications or generally 49 accepted installation practices: 50 (a) a trailer hitch; 51 (b) a wheelchair lift or wheelchair carrier; 52 (c) a trailer being towed by the vehicle: 53 (d) a bicycle rack, ski rack, or luggage rack; or
- 54 (e) a similar cargo carrying device.

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