	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AMENDMENTS
	2018 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper
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L	ONG TITLE
Ge	eneral Description:
	This bill requires a waiver of a fine for a violation for failure to display the decals if the
ve	hicle was properly registered at the time of the citation.
Hi	ighlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	requires a waiver of a fine for a violation for failure to display registration decals if:
	 the vehicle was properly registered at the time of the citation; and
	 the person cited provides evidence that the decals have been properly displayed.
M	oney Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Ot	ther Special Clauses:
	None
Ut	tah Code Sections Affected:
AN	MENDS:
	41-1a-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 102
Be	e it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 41-1a-402 is amended to read:
	41-1a-402. Required colors, numerals, and letters Expiration.
	(1) Each license plate shall have displayed on it:



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28	(a) the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued;
29	(b) the name of the state; and
30	(c) a registration decal showing the date of expiration displayed in accordance with
31	Subsection (6).
32	(2) If registration is extended by affixing a registration decal to the license plate, the
33	expiration date of the decal governs the expiration date of the license plate.
34	(3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), each original license plate that is not one of
35	the special group license plates issued under Section 41-1a-418 shall be:
36	(a) a statehood centennial license plate with the same color, design, and slogan as the
37	plates issued in conjunction with the statehood centennial;
38	(b) a Ski Utah license plate; or
39	(c) an In God We Trust license plate.
40	(4) Beginning on the date that the division determines the existing inventories of
41	statehood centennial license plates and Ski Utah license plates are exhausted, each license plate
42	that is not one of the special group license plates issued under Section 41-1a-418 shall:
43	(a) (i) display the "Life Elevated" slogan; and
44	(ii) have a color and design approved by the 57th Legislature in the 2007 General
45	Session that features:
46	(A) a skier with the "Greatest Snow on Earth" slogan; or
47	(B) Delicate Arch; or
48	(b) be an In God We Trust license plate.
49	(5) (a) Except as provided under Subsection 41-1a-215(2), license plates shall be
50	renewed annually.
51	(b) (i) The division shall issue the vehicle owner a month decal and a year decal upon
52	the vehicle's first registration with the division.
53	(ii) The division shall issue the vehicle owner only a year decal upon subsequent
54	renewals of registration to validate registration renewal.
55	(6) The decals issued in accordance with Subsection (5) shall be applied as follows:
56	(a) for license plates issued beginning in 1974 through 1985, decals displayed on
57	license plates with black lettering on a white background shall be applied to the lower left-hand
58	corner of the rear of the license plate vehicles;

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(b) decals displayed on statehood centennial license plates and on Ski Utah license plates issued in accordance with Subsection (3) shall be applied to the upper left-hand corner of the rear license plate;

- (c) decals displayed on special group license plates issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-418 shall be applied to the upper right-hand corner of the license plate unless there is a plate indentation on the upper left-hand corner of the license plate;
- (d) decals displayed on license plates with the "Life Elevated" slogan issued in accordance with Subsection (4) shall be applied in the upper left-hand corner for the month decal and the upper right-hand corner for the year decal;
- (e) decals displayed on license plates with the "In God We Trust" slogan issued in accordance with Subsection (4)(b) shall be applied in the upper right-hand corner of the rear license plate unless there is a plate indentation on the upper left-hand corner of the license plate;
- (f) decals issued for truck tractors shall be applied to the front license plate in the position described in Subsection (6)(a), (b), or (d);
- (g) decals issued for motorcycles shall be applied to the upper corner of the license plate opposite the word "Utah"; and
- (h) decals displayed on license plates issued under Section 41-1a-416 shall be applied as appropriate for the year of the plate.
- (7) (a) The month decal issued in accordance with Subsection (5) shall be displayed on the license plate in the left position.
- (b) The year decal issued in accordance with Subsection (5) shall be displayed on the license plate in the right position.
- (8) The current year decal issued in accordance with Subsection (5) shall be placed over the previous year decal.
- (9) If a license plate, month decal, or year decal is lost or destroyed, a replacement shall be issued upon application and payment of the fees required under Section 41-1a-1211 or 41-1a-1212.
 - (10) (a) A violation of this section is an infraction.
- (b) A court shall waive a fine for a violation under this section if:
- (i) the registration for the vehicle was current at the time of the citation; and

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(ii) the person to whom the citation was issued provides evidence that the decals are properly displayed in compliance with this section.

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