New/Updated License Plate Laws

Misdemeanor vs Felony

- Second Degree Misdemeanor = Up to 60 days imprisonment and/or \$500 fine.
- First Degree Misdemeanor = Up to 1 year imprisonment and/or \$1,000 fine.
- ▶ Third Degree Felony = Up to 5 years imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine

FSS 320.061 – Altering a License Plate

- A person may not alter the original appearance of a:
 - Vehicle registration certificate
 - License plate
 - Temporary license plate
 - Mobile home sticker
 - Validation sticker

- Through:
 - Mutilation
 - Alteration
 - Defacement
 - Change of color
 - Any other manner

A person may not apply or attach

- A substance
- Reflective matter
- Illuminated device
- Spray
- Coating
- Covering



Or other material onto or around any license plate which interferes with the:

- Legibility,
- Angular visibility,
- Detectability of any feature or detail on the license plate
- Interferes with the ability to record any feature or detail on the license plate.
- A person who knowingly violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

FSS 320.262 - License plate obscuring device prohibited

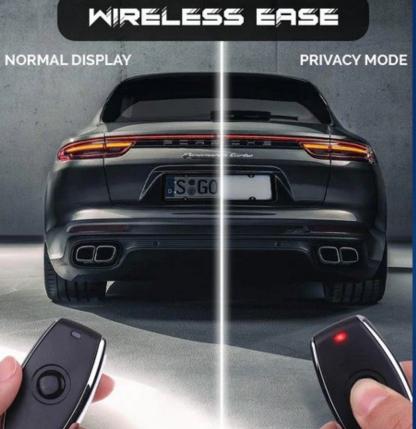
- License plate obscuring device A manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle for the purpose of:
 - Switching between two or more license plates to permit a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle.
 - ▶ Hiding a license plate from view by flipping the license plate so that the license plate number is not visible.
 - Covering, obscuring, or otherwise interfering with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate.
 - Interfering with the ability to record the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate.











FSS 320.262 Penalties

- To purchase or possesses a license plate obscuring device = Second Degree Misdemeanor
- ▶ To manufacture, sell, offer to sell, or otherwise distribute a license plate obscuring device = First Degree Misdemeanor
- To use a license plate obscuring device to assist in committing a crime = Third Degree Felony