



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.
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- ▶ 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**