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H.B. No. 928

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an offense involving a motor vehicle with an altered or obscured license plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 502.409(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person attaches to or displays on a motor vehicle a number plate or registration insignia that:

(1) is assigned to a different motor vehicle;

(2) is assigned to the vehicle under any other motor vehicle law other than by the department;

(3) is assigned for a registration period other than the registration period in effect;

(4) is fictitious;

(5) has ~~[letters, numbers, or other identification marks that because of]~~ blurring or reflective matter that impairs the readability of the letters or numbers of the license plate number or the registration insignia ~~[are not plainly visible]~~ at all times during daylight;

(6) has an attached illuminated device or sticker, decal, emblem, or other insignia that is not authorized by law and that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers of ~~[on]~~ the license plate number ~~[or the name of the state in which the~~

1 ~~vehicle is registered~~]; or

2 (7) has a coating, covering, or protective material
3 that:

4 (A) distorts angular visibility or
5 detectability; or

6 (B) alters or obscures the letters or numbers of
7 ~~[on]~~ the license plate number [~~, the color of the plate, or another~~
8 ~~original design feature of the plate~~].

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.