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S.B. No. 631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

10 (1) is assigned to a different motor vehicle;

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

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

15 (4) is fictitious;

16 (5) has letters, numbers, or other identification
17 marks that because of blurring or reflective matter are not plainly
18 visible at all times during daylight;

19 (6) has an attached illuminated device or sticker,
20 decal, emblem, or other insignia that is not authorized by law and
21 that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers on
22 the plate or the name of the state in which the vehicle is
23 registered; or

24 (7) has a coating, covering, or protective material

1 that:

2 (A) distorts angular visibility or
3 detectability; or

4 (B) alters or obscures the letters or numbers of
5 the license plate number or the name of the state in which the
6 vehicle is registered [~~on the plate, the color of the plate, or~~
7 ~~another original design feature of the plate~~].

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.