

AN ACT

relating to the manufacture, sale, distribution, purchase, or possession of a license plate flipper; creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.946 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.946. LICENSE PLATE FLIPPER; OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "license plate flipper" means a manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle and:

(1) switch between two or more license plates for the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the operator's vehicle; or

(2) hide a license plate from view by flipping the license plate so that the license plate number is not visible.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person with criminal negligence purchases or possesses a license plate flipper. An offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person with criminal negligence manufactures, sells, offers to sell, or otherwise distributes a license plate flipper. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1757 passed the Senate on  
April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1757 passed the House on  
May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 2, two  
present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor