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S.B. No. 1757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of license plate flipper and providing a penalty.

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

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

Section 504.496. LICENSE PLATE FLIPPER (a) "License Plate Flipper" means a manual, electric, or mechanical device that allows an individual to flip, replace, hide, obscure, or otherwise inhibit the visibility of one or both of the license plates registered to the vehicle.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person possesses a license plate flipper as defined in Subsection (a).

(c) An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class B misdemeanor, except that:

(1) an offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the person distributes, manufactures, sells, or otherwise furnishes a license plate flipper to another;

(2) if the person uses a license plate flipper before, during, or after the commission of an offense to avoid identification or detection for the offense for which the license plate flipper was used, the offense is one category higher than the most serious offense that was committed, and if the most serious offense is a Class A misdemeanor, the offense is a state jail

1 felony, except that if the most serious offense is a felony of the
2 first degree, the offense is a felony of the first degree.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.