
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§286- License plate flipping devices; prohibited. (a)
5 No person shall operate a motor vehicle with, possess, purchase,
6 install, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute a license
7 plate flipping device.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
9 any person who violates this section shall be fined no less than
10 \$750 but no more than \$1,000 for each separate violation.

11 (c) For the purposes of this section, "license plate
12 flipping device" means a manual, electric, or mechanical device
13 designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle that:

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



1 (2) Hides a license plate from view by flipping the
2 license plate so that the plate number is not
3 visible."

4 §286- Obscuring of a license plate; prohibited.

5 Obscuring a vehicle's license plate through the use of a cover
6 or shield shall be prohibited. Any violation of this section
7 shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$500 but no more
8 than \$1,000 for each offense. For the purposes of this section,
9 "cover" or "shield" means a device installed over a vehicle's
10 license plate, often made of clear or tinted material, designed
11 to, among other things, obscure the plate to avoid
12 identification by law enforcement and traffic control devices."

13 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

License Plates; Electronic License Plates; License Plate Flipping Devices; Prohibition; Fines

Description:

Prohibits the use of license plate flipping devices.
Establishes minimum and maximum fines. Effective 7/1/3000.
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